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DAILY MAIL & MEDIATION ATTEMPTS

London, To-day.
According to a despatch from Shanghai to the "Daily Mail," the Japanese authorities in that city are making no secret of the fact that efforts are being made to get the Chinese and Japanese into peace parleys.

It is impossible, however, to get these quarters to reveal the name of the third power which is presumed to be offering its services as mediator.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE AIR LOSSES EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED

Hankow, To-day.

From the beginning of hostilities to February 28, the Japanese lost 500 fighting planes, according to an announcement made by Chinese Aviation Headquarters.

Of these, 216 were shot down in aerial combat or by Chinese anti-aircraft guns, 130 were destroyed on the ground in the course of Chinese raids, and 67 were destroyed by the Chinese ground forces, the balance being damaged planes which later crashed.

Biggest Japanese losses were sustained in August last year and February this year.

With the arrival of new pursuit planes the Chinese air force is rapidly gaining mastery in the air which was completely dominated by the Japanese in the early stages of the conflict.

Recent engagements at Hankow, Nanchang and Canton have indicated that the Chinese pursuit planes could at least engage the Japanese aircraft on even terms.—Reuter.

SWEDEN ACCEPTS

Moscow, To-day.

Sweden has decided to close its consulate in Leningrad before April 15.

This follows the Russian decision to maintain "parity" in consulates with foreign powers.—Trans-Ocean.

Guerillas Active In Shansi: Wreck Japanese Plans

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese positions at Tungkwan, on the Lung-hai Railway, were heavily shelled by Japanese artillery on Tuesday night and yesterday morning.

Damage is stated to have been small, and railway communication is still open.

All reports from the front reveal that the Chinese are doing very well, guerillas in south Shansi being extremely active.

In this irregular warfare, villages and small towns in the thinly populated area are changing hands several times a day in some cases.

For instance, Chaocheng, 50 kilometres south-west of Taiyuan-fu, was taken by Chinese guerillas who captured the provisions depot. They were driven out, recaptured the town and were again driven out.

Heavy fighting has flared up again on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front. The Japanese pressed forward to a point 50 kilometres south of Yenchow, but were then it is claimed, forced to retreat.

Chinese quarters believe that the Japanese have abandoned their intention to advance northward beyond Hsuehchow, and have developed a new strategy by which they intend to march on Hobei, south of Pengpu.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE WRECK PROGRAMME

Hankow, To-day.

By destroying 80 locomotives and 500 railway carriages at Puchow before the Japanese took possession of this terminus of the Taiyuan-Puchow railway, the Chinese troops retreating from south Shansi succeeded, says a Hankow newspaper, in preventing the Japanese from rushing up supplies.

It is stated that although the Japanese are in possession of the entire Taiyuan-Puchow narrow-gauge railway, they will be unable to operate it.

Retreating along the line, the Chinese troops are also destroying the line and all bridges.—Trans-Ocean.

AMERICAN USE OF SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE

Washington, To-day.

Much interest has been evinced here in Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare's announcement in the House of Commons yesterday about facilities for American warships to use the Singapore base.

A Navy Department spokesman said the story was true but the arrangement was a routine matter.

It is pointed out that United States warships of larger tonnage than small cruisers cannot obtain docking facilities in Manila, and would be forced to proceed to Hawaii if Singapore was not open to them.

In reply to questions, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said that no correspondence about any such amicable arrangement had passed through his hands.—Reuter.

retiring slowly after having destroyed the dykes and flooding the country.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE CLAIM

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese reports claim that their detachments concentrated on the northern bank of the Yellow River struck a decisive blow yesterday, when they are alleged to have crossed the river and to have stormed the town of Sushui.

According to some Japanese reports, the Japanese have moved tanks over the Yellow River near Sushui, which are attacking the Chinese forces near that town.

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Keep A Light In Your Eyes

There are two guaranteed ways to make your eyes look beautiful. The first one is to keep falling in love regularly so that your eyes never lose that shining, beglamoured look. The second and generally more dependable way is to do as we are about to tell you.

The trouble with so many of us is that we are really lazy about doing ourselves up beautifully, and this seems especially true where eyes are concerned. For example, when you are worn and weary, it is well to remember that your eyes have borne a good part of the strain that got you into that state, and to give them a special pick-up of their own.



Pick-Up Treatment

Bathe them first with a good eye-bath, to cleanse and freshen. Apply a bit of eye cream to help smooth out tired wrinkles. Dip her-

bal pads in warm water and fit

them over your eyes, so that the healing herbs can draw out the tiredness. If you have time, dampen the pads two or three times, to get their full effect. Then, moisten a piece of cotton with an eye-astringent, wipe off the cream, and pat very gently around the eyes.

This pick-up treatment can be reserved for occasions when you need it most, but you owe it to yourself to bathe your eyes night and morning and to use eye cream at night, to ward off those tiny wrinkles that give no warning of their appearance, but are suddenly and devastatingly there.

Shapely Brows

Eye make-up divides itself neatly into three stages: brows, lids, and lashes. Shaping eyebrows is a comparatively recent

idea in itself. Not so many years



ago, an actress made newspaper head-lines because a feature writer happened into her dressing-room and was dumbfounded by the sight of the actress pulling out her eyebrows. But shaping eyebrows correctly is even more recent, because we had to live through the era of the pencil-line brow that gave that unattractive, perpetually surprised look to women's faces.

If you don't know whether you are shaping your eyebrows flatteringly, go once to a make-up expert and have them "styled" so that you can then follow the line for yourself. Or use an eyebrow pencil to draw the effect of new lines. If you get an effect that you like, then pull out the hairs to follow the pencil outline. Usually, the natural contour is the most becoming, with minor elongations or thinning of curves.

Be careful, in pulling brows, never to get the curve of one higher than the other, because the slightest difference makes your face look crooked. Avoid a line curving down at the corners and always do the shaping by pulling the hairs from underneath. A little brush moistened with bandoline helps to shape eyebrows and train them the way you want them to grow. If your brows are definitely scanty and pencil looks artificial, try this professional make-up stunt. Rub a thick layer of pencil into the palm of your hand. Dampen one of the make-up brushes (really little paint-brushes) with cream, rub it over the colour in your hand, and "feather" the brows with it.

Eye-Shadow

Expert advice in applying shadow is to put it on so that it is a shadow, not a dab or a layer. And carry it out beyond the corners of the eyes, so that, when your face is in profile, the shadow is still there. Put it on a little at a time, but don't

be afraid of it. Shadow blends beautifully if you take a little time to smooth it all over your eyelid, blending it away at the brows and concentrating the colour near the lashes to bring out your eyes.

And what colour shadow? That is a question beginners always ask, and the surest thing is to match colour of your eyes, with the exception of brown eyes, which take green shadow and grey. But watch a smart woman who knows the tricks of make-up, and you will find that, at night, she may treat eye shadow as a colour accessory, matching her flowers to it, or her jewels. She has learned the stage stunt of covering the whole lid with brown shadow first and concentrating a second shade near the lids. She mixes shades together or puts pure gold or silver over a colour. She uses black shadow that looks mysterious (instead of old, as you might think), or adds a sudden dramatic accent of white to her lids.

If you are conservative to the point that you don't like to use coloured eye shadow by day, put a colourless pomade over your lids, and they will shine without colour. Professional models apply these pomades over coloured shadow at night to catch the gleam of the lights. If you wear eye-glasses, don't think you must forgo shadow, because a shadow softens your eyes under the lens and brings out the colour.



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"To Thine Own Self Be True"

In beauty, as in everything else, we can apply the wise admonition: "First, above all, to thine own self be true."

Be truthful with yourself in the matter of health. Every modern woman should strive to attain perfect health for without it she cannot achieve true beauty. Creams and cosmetics will improve the texture of her skin, will enhance her natural colouring, will help no end; but the essential glow of beauty must come from within—from a healthy circulation, from well functioning organs, from an altogether healthy machine.

Modern women do not complain about their ailments or boast about them as did the women of grandmother's day. It isn't the order of the day to be ill. In our day we are as proud of our well-cared-for bodies as we are of our beautiful skin, shiny hair, smooth hands and controlled figures. So above all, strive for perfect health and if you have any reason to suspect that you are not up to par, visit your doctor.

In fact, it is well to have two or three complete medical examinations every year. Two or three visits to the dentists are in order,

Apply This Wise Admonition To Beauty

too, for sound teeth are inseparable from beauty.

True To Type

Be true to your type, too. That does not call for standardization by any means. But, no matter how delightfully individual you are, you are still a certain type. You are

tall or short, you are stout or thin, you are blonde or brunette, you are naive or sophisticated, you are ingenu or woman of the world, you are pretty or you are smart.

You may be a combination of several things but all these factors help to "type" you and it is safe to

remain within certain boundaries, very near your type for straying from them may make a ludicrous cross-picture.

True To Beauty Regime

Be truthful with yourself in studying your possibilities. And, having determined a course of study for homework, do be true to your beauty regime.

I cannot emphasize it too much because the consistency of the effort more than the effort itself will bear fruit and make you lovelier.

KEEP A LIGHT IN YOUR EYES

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Mascara



If you are a mascara devotee, you need no urging in that direction, because, once used to it, you feel undressed without it. The best way to

put on mascara is with a clean brush that is not too wet and allow it to "set" for a minute or two. Then, go over the lashes with a second clean brush or a tiny eyelash comb. Brown is usually the most natural colour for all but definitely black lashes.

But don't neglect the possibilities of green, light and dark blue, blue, topaz, and sardonyx, which are effective and amusing at night.

Should you want your lashes to look shiny rather than coloured, use eyelash grower instead of mascara. This is something to include as a night rite, anyway, because we have seen lashes increase from ordinary to wave-in-the-breeze length with steady use of these creams. Also, they make your lashes silky and are perfect to use before the little eyelash curling-iron, which is practically a must in eye makeup equipment.

Then, when you have done everything, do one thing more! Put drops in your eyes (harmless—made according to a doctor's prescription) that make them sparkle like the dew.

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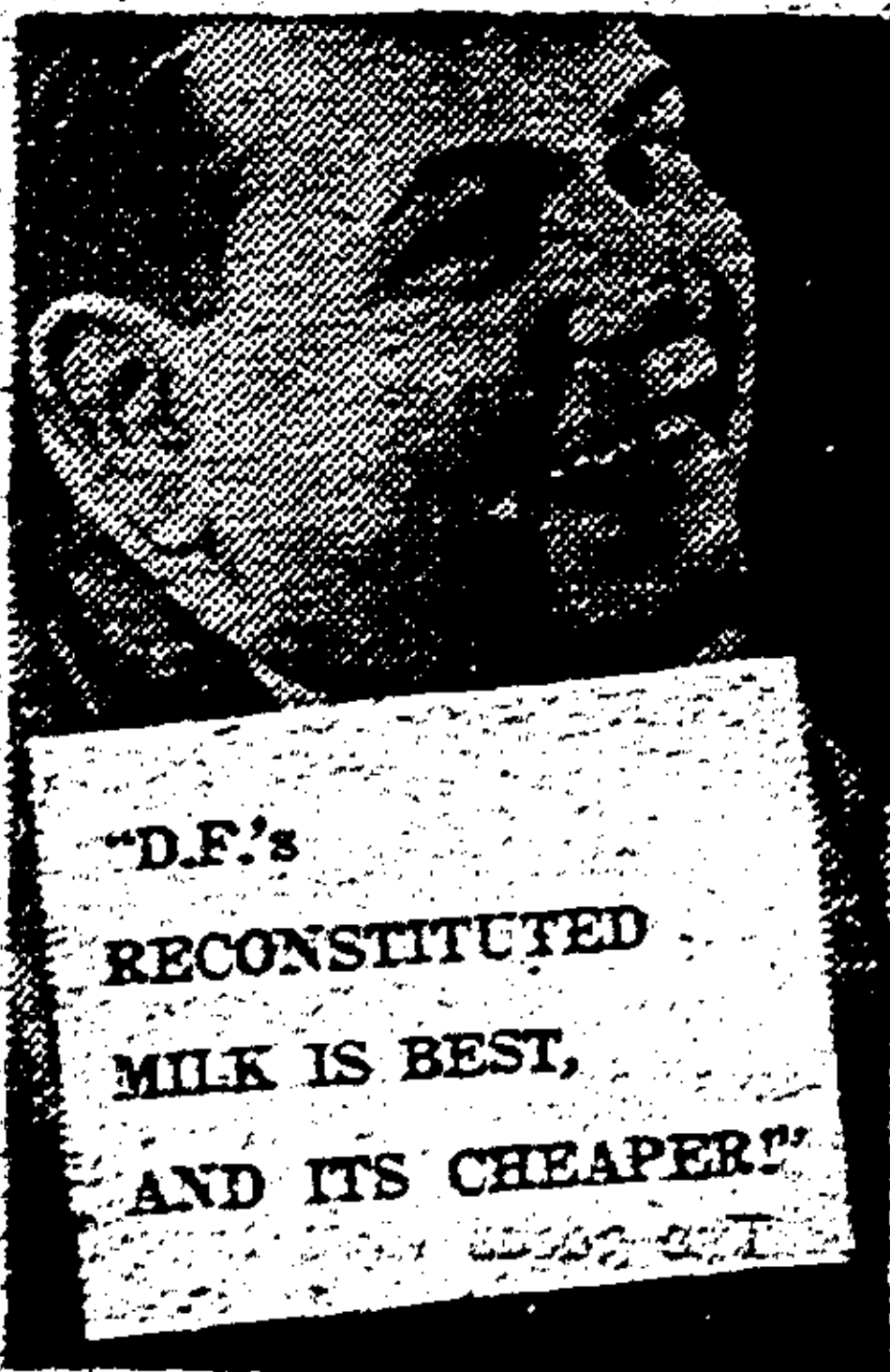
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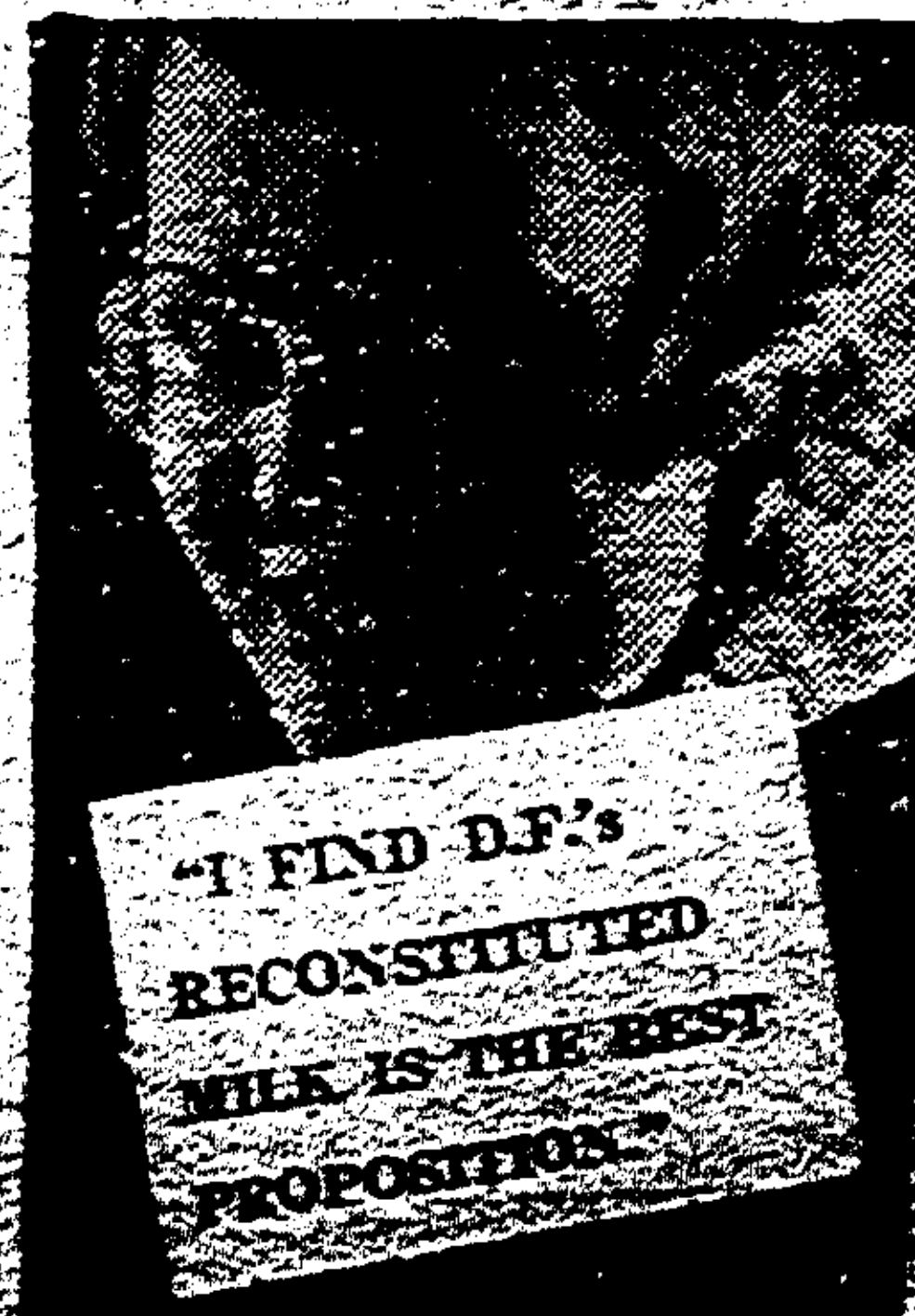


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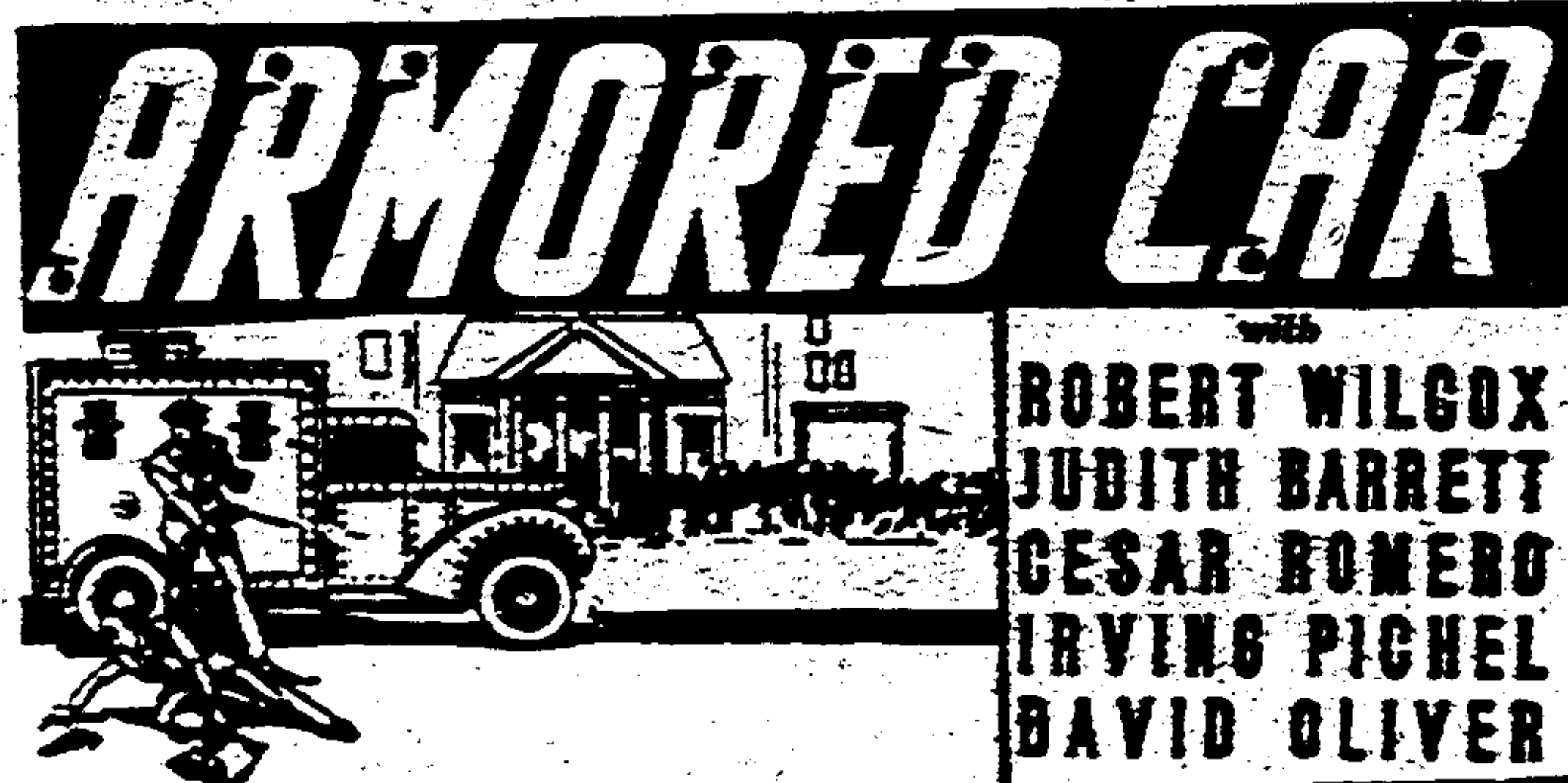


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**DUKE AND DUCHESS
OF WINDSOR**

Versailles, To-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will leave Chateau La Maye, near here, in the next few days for a fortnight's visit to friends in Cannes. They will then return to the Chateau, says an announcement by the Duke's secretary.

Rumours that have been circulating for the past several weeks that the Duke intends to acquire a large estate at the edge of the Bois de Boulogne, near that of the Maharajah of Kapurthala, continue to grow in volume, although the Duke is busy working on furnishing the Chateau La Maye.—Trans-Ocean

**INTERESTING PRINCIPLE OF
LAW IN SHARE TRANSACTION**

Whether script numbers on share contracts were among the specific terms to be carried out in share dealings, was decided at the Supreme Court this morning, when the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, awarded judgment, with costs, to Mr. Frederico Leocadio Silva, trading under the name of Messrs. F. L. Silva and Company, who claimed \$1,535 from Mr. J. J. Gutierrez.

It was alleged that defendant contracted on March 31, 1937, for the purchase of 500 Shares (old) of the Telephone Company to be delivered and paid for on June 22, 1937. Defendant failed to accept and as a result plaintiff sold the shares at a loss, suffering the amount claimed.

Mr. D'Almada stated that his client was a share-broker and defendant an insurance agent for the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. The claim was for damages for breach of contract. The sum was small, but the principle was of some importance with regard to share transactions generally.

ONE ISSUE

A number of facts were agreed by both parties and the only issue was whether or not plaintiff had fulfilled the contract by delivering to defendant shares other than those bearing Script No. 186.

Plaintiff's case, said Mr. D'Almada, was that there was a complete and binding contract whereby plaintiff was to deliver to defendant 500 old shares of the Telephone Company on June 22, 1937. The contract form was one of those generally used for share transactions and on it were words "Script number to follow," the number "186" having been inserted later.

When 500 shares were delivered to defendant he refused to accept them as they did not bear the number "186."

Owing to a clerical error shares bearing Script number "186" were allotted to Mr. Phillipens, of Manufacturers Life by Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, from whom plaintiff originally bought them at \$32.40 per share.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that at the time of making the contract defendant did not care what the script number was as long as he was going to get old shares of the Telephone Company.

DEFENDANT'S MOTIVE

Counsel pointed out that in spite of defendant's knowledge that Number "186" had been allotted to Mr. Phillipens, he made no attempt to repudiate the contract then and there, but decided to wait. His explanation might be that in taking a stand on what he considered were his legal rights, he was acting with the laudable motive of stopping short selling. If that was the case, added Counsel, then he should have reported to plaintiff or to the Share-brokers Association the fact that the contract was not fulfilled.

On the other hand, continued Mr. D'Almada, defendant might have been watching which way market would swing and playing the game of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Plaintiff and Messrs. Elli and Edgar made every effort to obtain shares

bearing Script number "186" for defendant by approaching Mr. Phillipens, who, however, whether due to the sense of loyalty to his colleague or not, declined to co-operate.

Counsel submitted that all fully-paid shares were of equal value, no matter what script number they bore, and carried the same rights. The contract was for the sale of shares, the script number forming no specific term. The script number was not a condition, because the sale was not by description and therefore formed no part of the contract.

DEFENCE ARGUMENT

Replying, Mr. Macnamara said that one of the rules in the contract was that the script number must be supplied. It was not a mere domestic rule as suggested by plaintiff's Counsel.

The contract was, added Counsel, for shares of Script No. 186, and his client had perfect right to refuse share bearing a number other than "186."

His Lordship decided the issue in favour of plaintiff, with costs, but added that in view of the importance of the principle involved, a written judgment would be given and distributed to the parties at the later date.

**FLOOD HAVOC NEAR
TIENTSIN**

Tientsin, To-day.

Flood conditions south of Tientsin are growing more serious, according to a traveller from Tsangchow. The magnitude of the flood disaster in Tsangchow, Chinghsien, Chiaohsien and the surrounding districts was unprecedented for centuries. There are no less than 180 gaps along both banks of the Fu-Tor River and the Grand Canal, and if no steps are taken for their repair the situation will be worsened.—Hua Nan.

**CANTON-HANKOW
RAILWAY ATTACKS**

Hankow, To-day.

The Hankow-Canton Railway Administration announce that in the past five months, the railway was attacked by Japanese planes 150 times, while bombs dropped in and around the railway area totalled 1,433. Railway employees killed or wounded totalled thirty two, but the number of other civilian casualties was far greater.—Hua Nan.

**STOLE GIN FROM
EMPLOYER**

Employed by Mr. A. H. Seth, of Deep Dene, Deep Water Bay, for two years at \$30 a month, Lam Tin, aged 27, house boy, was this morning fined \$75 or six weeks, by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty to the theft of a bottle of Booth's Dry Gin. Defendant was arrested by a Chinese detective leaving a bus.

**WILHELM I
COMMEMORATION**

Berlin, To-day.

The fiftieth anniversary of the death of Emperor William I was commemorated at Charlottenburg Mausoleum yesterday.

General von Brauchitsch, accompanied by three other generals, laid a wreath on the tomb on behalf of Herr Hitler.—Trans-Ocean.

**THEFT OF GOVT.
DYNAMITE**

Yip Kwong, coxswain of a motor-boat, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to stealing four boxes of dynamite, 1,300 detonators and 28 coils of fuse from a fishing boat, moored on the Kennedy Town foreshore on February 4.

Sergeant Allen said the junk had taken delivery from the Green Island Depot and was moored the shore while the foks went ashore for tea. Defendant with five others, not in custody, in a motor boat, towed the junk outside the harbour limits. The goods were transferred to the motor boat and the junk abandoned.

Wages Of Hong Kong Naval Dockyard Chargemen

London, To-day.

The wages of British chargemen in the Hong Kong Dockyard was the subject of a question in the House of Commons yesterday by Captain L. F. Plugge (Conservative, Chatham).

Capt. Plugge said their pay worked out to 64/- a week, which was less than the lowest rated mechanic in Home dockyards.

He submitted that their allowances were quite inadequate to meet the great increase in the cost of living and rents resulting from the recent large incursion of refugees.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary and financial Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, pointed out that the chargemen's total emoluments at present considerably exceeded the figure mentioned by Capt. Plugge.

Owing to differing standards of conditions, it was difficult to establish and maintain a direct relationship between Home yard rates and the sterling equivalent of the comparable Hong Kong rates.

He, however, was aware of the price fluctuations resulting from the recent incursion of refugees, and consideration was being given to the possibility of a temporary increase in emoluments of the agreement of workmen among other grades at Hong Kong to meet the situation.—Reuter.

DAEDALUS TO MAKE SPECIAL TRIP TO COLONY

Arrangements made by the Imperial Airways following the mishap to the Delphinus at Haiphong provide for a special trip by the Daedalus, which will come right through to Hong Kong from Bangkok in a single trip to-day, arriving late this evening. The mail will probably be delivered to-morrow morning.

Daedalus will then leave Hong Kong early to-morrow morning for Haiphong, where she will pick up the mails of the Delphinus, and proceeding through to Bangkok. The new mails from Hong Kong and those of the Delphinus will proceed in the main route air liner on Monday.

Daedalus will return to Hong Kong to maintain a normal schedule thereafter.

ANTI-GERMAN DEMONSTRATION IN PICCADILLY

London, To-day.

An anti-German demonstration, apparently organised by Communists, took place yesterday evening in Piccadilly Circus.

A number of youths took up positions outside West End theatres where they distributed pamphlets hostile to the German Foreign Minister.

Groups of demonstrators who started to gather in various parts of the West End later in the evening, were dispersed by mounted police. Several arrests were made.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARIAN CABINET RE-SHUFFLE

Budapest, To-day.

The Hungarian Cabinet has resigned.

The Regent, Admiral Horthy, accepted the resignation and asked the Premier, Dr. Daranyi, to form a new Cabinet.

The new Cabinet differs from the old only in that the Ministers of Agriculture, Justice and Finance were not re-appointed.

These changes are connected with the reconstruction and rearmament plan announced by the Premier on Saturday, and costing £40,000,000 to be financed principally from a capital levy on fortunes exceeding £2,000.

The new Cabinet includes the Premier and five other members of the old Cabinet, while Dr. Imredy, at present President of the National Bank, is appointed Minister without Portfolio to supervise the country's economic policy, presumably especially the spending of the proposed loan.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S ACTION ON MAIL CENSORSHIP

London, To-day.

The Consul-General in Shanghai has addressed a protest to the Japanese Consul-General, and has requested that instructions be issued to refrain from censoring British mails, said the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons in reply to a question by Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston).

Representations on the same subject were made by the Embassy in Tokyo on March 3.

Mr. Moreing asked, if the Japanese continued their policy of trying to impose a censorship the Government would consider reopening the British post office in Shanghai temporarily to ensure that British mails reach British officials untouched.

Mr. Butler said he would like to await the results of the representations made.—Reuter.

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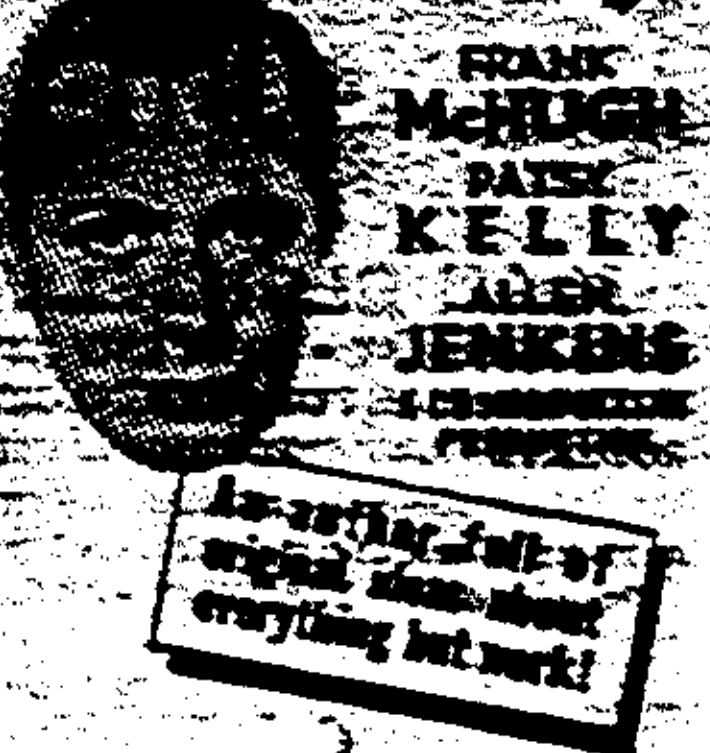
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CHAUTEMPS' EMPOWERING BILL DEMAND

Paris, To-day.

The French Prime Minister, M. Camille Chautemps, negotiated yesterday afternoon with Party leaders for approval of the Empowering Bill which the Government will introduce to the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow.

First M. Chautemps conferred with the Socialists, M. Leon Blum and M. Vincent Auriol, and then with two representatives of the Communist Party.

Political circles believe that this question will become rather difficult, possibly involving a vote of confidence in the Government. It is believed that the Democrats would grant the Popular Front Government which is under its leadership, the law, but the question will depend upon the assent of the Socialists.

On the other hand, it is believed that the opposition Right and Centre parties would be prepared to grant the Government any assistance in connection with national defence but would not grant an Empowering Bill to the Government over which they have no control, unless the basis of the Cabinet be enlarged.—Trans-Ocean.

SERIOUS CONFLICT

Paris, To-day.

A serious conflict has developed but the Government did not resign last night. M. Camille Chautemps, the Premier, is making a declaration in the Chamber of Deputies at 9.30 this morning.—Reuter.

FRANC'S FALL

Paris, To-day.

Extreme nervousness arising from fear of another French political crisis forced the franc to the record low of 157 to the pound sterling yesterday.

The Cabinet met at 6.30 yesterday evening to confer on the Em-

REPAIR OF HOLY SEPULCHRE

Cairo, To-day.

It is understood that the Egyptian Government is contributing the sum of £30,000 to repair the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem.

The Sepulchre is considered as sacred to both Christians and Moslems.—Reuter.

powering Bill, which is the cause of dispute, but nothing was announced.—Trans-Ocean.

PROPHETS SURPRISED

Paris, To-day.

Surprising the political prophets the Chautemps Government did not resign last night, but decided to place the political issue before the Chamber of Deputies this morning, when the Premier will defend his position and call for a vote of confidence.

M. Chautemps' decision is believed to have been due to President Albert Lebrun's expression of disapproval of resignation of the Government without a vote in the Chamber.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH CAPITAL SHIP SIZE NOT SETTLED

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty stated in the Commons at question time that the tonnage of the two capital ships in the 1938 construction programme was still under consideration.

Mr. Shakespeare added, in reply to a supplementary, that no further information had been received regarding the size of Japanese battle-ships projected or building.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS WAIT UPON MEETING OF FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL

Rome, To-day.

There was no further meeting yesterday in the preliminary Anglo-Italian negotiations, and it is not believed that the Earl of Perth (British Ambassador) and Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) will confer again before Friday and after the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council which will discuss future Anglo-Italian relations and the question of Italian volunteers in Spain.

Meanwhile, Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, had his last conversation with Signor Mussolini yesterday afternoon thousands of feet in the air in the Duce's private bomber, in which the Duce piloted him over the reclaimed Pontine marshes and Rome.

Col. Beck interviewed Count Ciano last night, and returns to Warsaw to-day.

"FIVE-POWER PACT"

It is believed that Count Ciano and Col. Beck affirmed the Italo-Polish common interests in Central Europe and their desire to see a diminution of tension there.

There is no indication whether anything was said about Poland joining a five-power pact with Britain, France, Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

LORD MAUGHAM JOINS THE CABINET

It is felt in political circles that the appointment of Lord Maugham is of a temporary nature pending another appointment at a later date when the Prime Minister decides on a Cabinet re-shuffle.—Reuter.

Lord Maugham is the former Chancery Judge and Lord Justice of Appeal. He was created a life Peer in 1935.

It is understood that Earl Stanhope, president of the Board of Education, will relieve Lord Halifax of his duties as Leader of the House of Lords. Lord Maugham, who was judge of the Chancery Division from 1928 for 6 years then became Lord Justice of the Appeal till 1935. Born in 1866, he took silk in 1931. Lord Halisham has been Lord Chancellor since 1935, an office he also held between 1928 and 1929.—British Wireless.

SWATOW RAILWAY BOMBED

Canton, To-day.

According to messages from Swatow, an attack was made by three Japanese bombers on the railway lines connecting Swatow with interior towns yesterday afternoon. Several bombs were dropped but failed to cause any damage to the railway tracks.—Our Own Correspondent.

INSURGENT OFFENSIVE AT SARAGOSSA

Saragossa, To-day.

After consolidating their gains on the Terner front, an insurgent offensive started yesterday on a 60-mile front near Saragossa.

Insurgent planes made a number of raids on the Government trenches.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE SOUNDING?

London, To-day.

Replying in the House of Commons yesterday to a question put by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) on February 17, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary and financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said that facilities for docking and repairing of foreign warships on a repayment basis in British naval dockyards, are a normal practice subject to our requirements not being thereby prejudiced.

Mr. Mander asked if in the event of any suggestion on these lines indicated that the question was being advanced by the United States, it would be carefully considered.

Mr. Shakespeare: "I think I have said as much."—Reuter.

SHANGHAI TO EXTEND CURFEW

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved extension of the curfew to 12.30 a.m., making final what has been regarded as a certainty for the past week.

However, it now remains for the Shanghai Municipal Police Commissioner and the commander of the French Police to agree on the date on which the extension become effective, though it is believed that the change will be brought about before Saturday.

First to rejoice will be the cabaret managers, who have been operating on curtailed time for several months.—Reuter.

Mr. Jockisch, of No. 19, Stafford Road, has reported that his car No. 4362, was damaged when car No. 1206, driven by Miss Fowler, ran into it.

AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE

Schuschnigg To "Stand Or Fall" By Result

GERMAN QUARTERS REPORTED NOT ALTOGETHER PLEASED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN LONDON DECLINE TO COMMENT ON THE AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE, BUT UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS GENERALLY RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF A FREE PEOPLE BEING ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS ON ITS DESTINY IN AN ATMOSPHERE UNTRoubLED BY MANIFESTATIONS OF DISORDER.

In Berlin, Dr. Schuschnigg's announcement was received with reserve in German official quarters. A spokesman declared that the attitude of Germany must considerably be influenced by the manner in which Dr. Schuschnigg presents his arguments to justify the plebiscite.

The spokesman added that the plebiscite might be interpreted in Berlin as an expression of Austria's desire to assume control of her national destiny and to emancipate herself from all foreign intervention.—Reuter.

SCHUSCHNIGG'S STAND

INNSBRUCK, TO-DAY.
THE AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR, DR. KURT VON SCHUSCHNIGG, HAS PROCLAIMED A PLEBISCITE FOR SUNDAY ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR.

The Chancellor announced that the year would be a year of labour, and promised a huge programme of public works by which 30,000 people would be given employment.

Dr. Schuschnigg gave a clear indication that he would resign if he did not receive a convincing vote of confidence on Sunday, and added "I do not want to establish a personal Government.

CANNOT BE INTIMIDATED

"Threats which can be connected with the Berchtesgaden agreement cannot intimidate me.

"The agreement was in line with our policy and we shall keep it, but not more.

"I stand or fall by the confession of faith of the Austrian people on Sunday."—Reuter.

FATE OF AUSTRIA

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Schuschnigg's announcement of a plebiscite on Sunday is regarded as an event which will decide the fate of Austria, whether the country will as a free and independent state.

It is expected that both the Nazis and the Schuschnigg party will be busy until Sunday in a campaign to sway votes.—Trans-Ocean.

INNSBRUCK SPEECH

Vienna, To-day.

"The demand for a popular expression of opinion on future Austrian political policy has been made again and again.

"The moment has now come. Out with your professions of loyalty," declared Chancellor Schuschnigg in his Innsbruck speech to leaders of the Patriotic Front.

"We wish for bread and peace at home," he declared, "equal rights for all who belong to the people and to the nation.

"Now I must know whether the people of Austria wish a free, social Christian and unified fatherland.

"Now I must know if the motto 'bread and peace at home' can draw our people together, and whether the idea of equality is one worth following.

"For this reason I call the nation to a plebiscite on Sunday."

ROARS OF APPLAUSE

Dr. Schuschnigg, whose speech was repeatedly punctuated by roars of applause, said that threats and intimidations were not to be tolerated. He could not demand his followers to maintain order unless the other side also respected the Berchtesgaden agreement to the last letter.

Dr. Schuschnigg concluded: "I appeal to all of goodwill. Vote for unity. Say 'yes' to Austria."

Noisy demonstrations in Innsbruck followed the speech. Members of the Nationalist Youth forced their way into cafes which are recognised Nazi meeting places, and sang the Austrian National Anthem. Nazis, retaliated by cheering Herr Hitler and singing German songs.

Police were forced to intervene in several instances where fights broke out.

No street fighting occurred though the streets were full of noisy demonstrators who apparently showed no desire to go home.—Trans-Ocean.

WHIRLWIND UPSETS THE FRANC

Paris, to-day.

Increasing apprehension in political circles, attacks in the press on the Government and the fall of the franc, led the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, to make a lengthy statement yesterday.

Fall of the franc, he declared, was merely due to a "temporary whirlwind" and the Stabilisation Fund afforded complete security for maintenance of the exchange rate.

He said France could not exist for long if it had to raise from thirty to 35 milliard francs in loans each year, on which the interest alone constituted a burden of two milliard in the Budget.

He declared the Government must have the courage to face the problem and take steps to solve it.

Since France needed large sums for rearmament he had decided to form an independent account for these expenditures.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCESSES AT GARDEN PARTY

London, To-day.

The King and Queen entertained 500 guests yesterday afternoon at a garden party.

Queen Mary came over from Marlborough House to attend the function, while as a special concession, the two little Princesses were allowed absence from school for the afternoon.—Reuter.

VON RIBBENTROP'S ARRIVAL

London, To-day.

Fearing a Communist demonstration the police took extraordinary precautions when Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, arrived at Victoria Station yesterday.

The platform was cleared of all unauthorised persons.

Among those who greeted the former Ambassador in London was the Austrian Minister.

Large crowds watched Herr von Ribbentrop's departure from the station. There were no scenes.—Reuter.

SCORES OF NAZIS INJURED IN CLASHES

Vienna, To-day.

Several hundred Nazis were arrested in clashes yesterday in which police officers drew their sabres and policemen used rubber truncheons.

Clashes also occurred between Nazis and Patriotic Youth organisations in Innsbruck and between Nazis and members of the Fatherland Front in Linz, where Nazis had arranged meetings to protest against fixing a limit to voting in the plebiscite at 24 years of age, which the Nazis complain, will lose them 20,000 votes in Upper Austria alone.

These disturbances are a foretaste of the bitterness with which the country will be torn on the biggest public issue in its history.

INDEPENDENCE OR ANSCHLUSS

Dr. Schuschnigg's broadcast left no doubt that the issue is virtually

independence or ultimate Anschluss with Germany.

"The Berchtesgaden agreement will be carried out but not an iota more," he exclaimed. "I do not want Austria to build up the fatherland idea on a personal basis or personal government.

"For years we have been challenged to hold a plebiscite and now the moment has come to prove we are ready to make a stand for independence.

"I stand or fall by the success of the Austrian people on Sunday."

CHANCELLOR'S DECISION

The tone of the speech is interpreted to mean that if a substantial majority say "yes", Dr. Schuschnigg will be in an unassailable moral position to curb the Nazis, but if the majority, or even a considerable minority like 40 per cent, say "No," he will resign, after which it is not doubted that a Nazi or semi-Nazi government will be formed to prepare the way for Anschluss with Germany.—Reuter.

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MUI TSAI AGREEMENT IN H.K. NEAR

London, To-day.

Questioned in the commons regarding the Hong Kong Government's attitude to the majority and minority reports of the Mui Tsai Commission and when a decision might be expected, the Colonial Secretary said he had not yet received final recommendations from the Governor but he understood that an agreement on the measures which were thought desirable and practicable in the circumstances might soon be reached locally, and that the report might be expected shortly.—British Wireless.

NETHERLANDS PRINCES IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, accompanied by his brother, Prince Ernest, arrived in London yesterday for a short private visit. Both lunched with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

NAVAL C.-IN.-C.

London, To-day.

Vice-Admiral James Somerville has been appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay as Commander-in-Chief, East Indies. Vice-Admiral Somerville assumes command about August 7.—Reuter.

"Confessed" Spies Never In British Service

London, To-day.

An emphatic denial of the allegations by some of the accused in the Moscow trial that they had acted as agents of the British Government, with a view to overthrowing the Soviet regime, was given by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to several questions.

The Prime Minister said: "I am aware of the prejudicial effect on Anglo-Soviet relations likely to be produced within the Soviet Union by the evidence given at this trial, but I doubt whether the allegations, which are totally untrue, will be given any credit in this country or indeed anywhere outside the Soviet Union."

"I feel I need hardly assure the House that the Government has not employed any of those whose names have been mentioned, in work for the British intelligence service or engaged in any subversive activities against the Soviet Government."

In reference to a suggestion by Miss Ellen Wilkinson (Labour, Jarrow) that Lady Muriel Paget has been lecturing on her experiences in the British intelligence service, the Prime Minister said that Lady Paget had had no experience of the British intelligence service.

"Anyone who knows her work knows that it is unselfish and humanitarian."—Reuter.

SECRET EVIDENCE

Moscow, To-day.

Yagoda, former OGPU chief, gave secret evidence before the military tribunal of the Supreme Court yesterday.

It is presumed that the evidence affects those foreign powers which were alleged to have aided the Trotskyite counter-revolutionaries on whose behalf Yagoda had acted.

The court received a report by a commission of five medical experts who examined the evidence relating to the deaths of Maxim Gorki, Manzhinsky, Kuibyshev and Peshkov.

EXPERT FINDINGS

The experts found that the four accused doctors, who were alleged to have acted under Yagoda's orders, criminally and maliciously maltreated the patients so as to bring about their death, also that the health of Yezhov was considerably impaired by the sprinkling of poison on the floor of his office.

Traces of the poison were found on the furniture and in the air.—Reuter.

JAPAN MAKES TALL CLAIM

Peiping, To-day.

An official Japanese report claims that seven Chinese planes were destroyed on the ground and another eleven shot down in combat during three air raids on Sianfu, capital of Shensi, yesterday afternoon.

There were no Japanese losses, says the claim.—Reuter.

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AN INCREASE IN OUTPUT AMOUNTING TO NEARLY 10 PER CENT. OVER THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WAS REPORTED BY THE HON. MR. M. T. JOHNSTON, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY HELD THIS MORNING IN P. AND O. BUILDING.

The Chairman said:—The Nett Profit after providing for depreciation is \$1,933,999.57 and with \$232,992.69 brought forward from the last account we have the sum of \$2,166,992.26 for appropriation. On September 9th we paid an interim dividend of \$1.00 per share which absorbed \$600,000.00 and with the balance we propose:—To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share absorbing \$900,000; To pay a cash bonus of \$0.50 per share absorbing \$300,000; To place to Reserve \$100,000; To carry forward to next Account \$266,992.26 which I hope will meet with your approval.

The output from your plant was 59,249,823 units an increase of 5,259,797 units or 9.74% over the previous year.

Meters connected increased by 2,463 which brings the total number connected to 43,073.

The gross earnings are \$321,239.53 more than last year.

MISFORTUNES OF OTHERS

During the latter part of the year under review, in common with many others in the Colony, we benefited to some extent, and are still doing so, through the misfortunes of others, a state of affairs which it must be sincerely hoped is only transient. We attribute, however, not more than one-third of the increase in the output of units to that cause and I am glad to tell you that throughout the first seven months of 1937, before the influx of refugees, there was a steady and progressive increase in the sale of current for lighting. This is the more satisfactory and encouraging as you will recall that for the previous four years it had to be reported from this Chair that the consumption of current for lighting purposes had diminished. There has also been a satisfactory increase in units sold for power.

Bad debts again show a decrease and we have also succeeded in recovering a debt of \$945.55 which was incurred 13 years ago. Ignoring the latter, Bad Debts total only the insignificant sum of \$1,362.31.

We have set aside for Depreciation \$680,898.00, a decrease of \$16,430 compared with last year. Standard rates of depreciation have, however, been strictly maintained.

Turning to the Balance Sheet you will see that the Reserve stands at \$4,900,000, and if you approve the recommendations of the Board this will now stand at the round sum of \$5,000,000.

NEW SUBSTATION

On the Assets side Land shows an increase of a little over \$300,000 which is mainly accounted for by the purchase of the property known as No. 8, Queen's Road, Central. It is our intention, when a suitable time arrives, to demolish the existing building and erect on the site a modern building part of which will house a new and up-to-date substation.

Expenditure on Capital Account, apart from the land just mentioned, was \$504,179.44 the principal items of which were the completion of the extension to No. 2 Turbine House, the building and equipment of a new substation at Chin Lung Street and the laying of a duplicate high tension feeder to Shaukiwan and the first section of a duplicate high tension feeder to Stanley.

Cash at hand on current account and on Fixed deposit was \$2,174,450.37 a decrease of \$67,707.02 compared with last year. This is due to expenditure on the new Plant.

Investments are slightly less, advantage having been taken of an opportunity to dispose of a small amount of stock at what appeared to be an attractive figure; the market value of your investments was, on December 31st 1937, less than the purchase price by \$147,556.00 which compares with \$5,827.75 on December 31st 1936. I am glad to be able to say however that since that date the market value of our investments has appreciated considerably.

NEW TURBO-ALTERNATOR

All our installations have been maintained in a high state of efficiency and it is satisfactory to be able to report that the severe typhoon which passed close to the Colony on September 2nd caused only minor damage to the Company's property.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the installation of the 15,000-K.

W. turbo-alternator and though its delivery has been somewhat delayed by the difficulties of obtaining raw material, particularly steel, it is hoped to have it in operation before the end of the summer. The order for a second 100,000 lbs. per hour Stirling boiler was placed early last year and it is expected that delivery of this plant will commence in the near future.

I think we can look back upon the year 1937 as satisfactory and I take this opportunity to record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the Manager, Staff and Workmen.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. Li Tse Fong, said:—I think I may safely say that all shareholders will join me in congratulating the Directors, Agents and Staff on the very satisfactory results of last year's working.

The increase of over five millions units of current generated, a rise of nearly 10%, is a source of satisfaction to all of us and confirms our general belief that the Company is most efficiently managed.

I am glad to know that the installation of the new and more efficient plant which you mentioned last year is proceeding as I regard it as essential that Supply Companies, such as ours, should keep abreast with the times so as to render to the public the cheap and efficient service which they have a right to expect.

It gives me much pleasure to second your proposal that the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnston, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected directors on the proposal of Capt. F. L. Brown, seconded by Mr. A. McKellar, while Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson.

The Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnston (Chairman of Directors) presided and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. Stanley E. Dodwell (Directors), and Mr. V. Sorby (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Capt. F. L. Brown, Messrs. S. J. C. Stanesby, A. McKellar, B. Wong Tape, Ko Koon Fan, A. Stevenson, J. A. Tarrant, Wong Ping Shun, Chan Shu Ming, Li Tse Fong, Wong Chi Po, Leung Fattin, Fung Kui Fai, Fung Kui Yin, Chua Seng Choo and Lo Kai Wing.

AIR MINISTRY ENQUIRY DEMANDED

London, To-day.

The Cadman Report on Civil Aviation will be debated in the Commons early next week.

The Opposition Leader has given notice that he will, in the debate on the Air Estimates, press for a full enquiry into the administration of the Air Ministry in view of what he alleged was growing evidence that all was not well with the administration of the Department.—British Wireless.

CLOUDY, DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan and another has developed over China; pressure is highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

A shallow depression is crossing South Japan on a north-easterly track.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, some drizzle or light rain.

STRONG BRITISH AID IN PROTEST ON SENTRY ASSAULT

Peiping, To-day.

It is understood that the British authorities at Shanghai are making strong representations to the Japanese Embassy regarding an assault by a Japanese soldier on the Rev. A. H. J. Murray, of the London Missionary Society, at Tsangchow on February 20.

The Rev. Murray, who is the son of the "Oxford Dictionary" Murray, was returning home from church when at the city gate, a Japanese sentry shouted to him to halt.

The Rev. Murray walked on, whereupon the sentry struck him on the head and refused to allow him to proceed until he had doffed his hat and bowed to the sentry.

The Rev. Murray refused and a Japanese officer was called up. The latter insisted that he comply, which he was finally forced to do in order to proceed home.

It is understood that the representations against the assault were accompanied by a request that if any regulations are issued requiring Britons to remove their hats and bow, they be cancelled. Such regulations are enforced in the case of Chinese.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister stated at Commons question time that he had read with interest the speech recently made by the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia. He added he did not consider it required or invited any further statement on his part.—British Wireless.

London, To-day.

A sum of \$5,000 to the International Red Cross for the relief of distress in Spain was included in the supplementary estimates for the diplomatic and consular Services discussed and approved in the Commons last evening.

A further vote of \$4,000 was for expenditure incurred in the settlement of 9,000 Assyrians in Khabur, Northern Syria.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs explained that the money was for the preliminary expense in connection with the irrigation and preparation of the settlement. The ultimate expenditure on the scheme was estimated at \$50,000.—British Wireless.

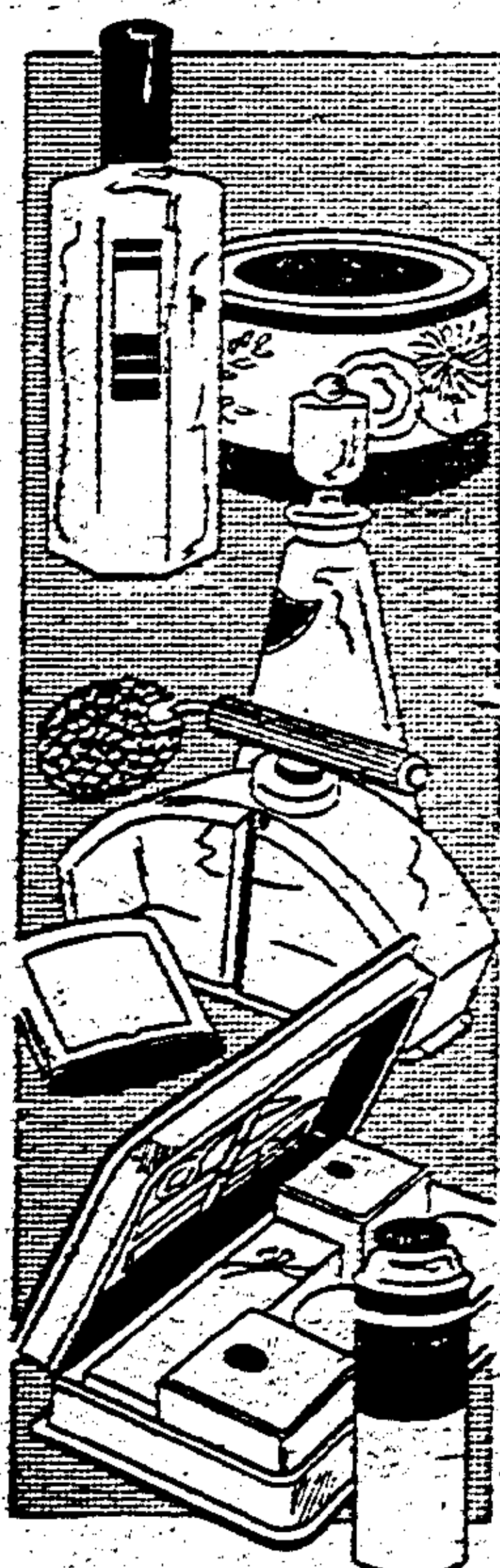
STUDENTS PASS THROUGH CANTON

Canton, To-day.

More than 600 students and teachers of the Peiping, Tsing-twa and Nankai Universities are passing through Canton en route to the temporary joint University established in Yunnan. The temporary University will accommodate the students of these three northern universities as they have been damaged by Japanese planes. Mayor Tseng gave a reception at Lingnan University yesterday afternoon to welcome the party. The chancellors of various universities in Canton also attended the reception.—Reuter.

CAR OVERTURNS

While Wong Kai Yin was driving a car in King's Road yesterday morning during the rain, the car skidded and overturned. The four passengers were thrown out but were uninjured.



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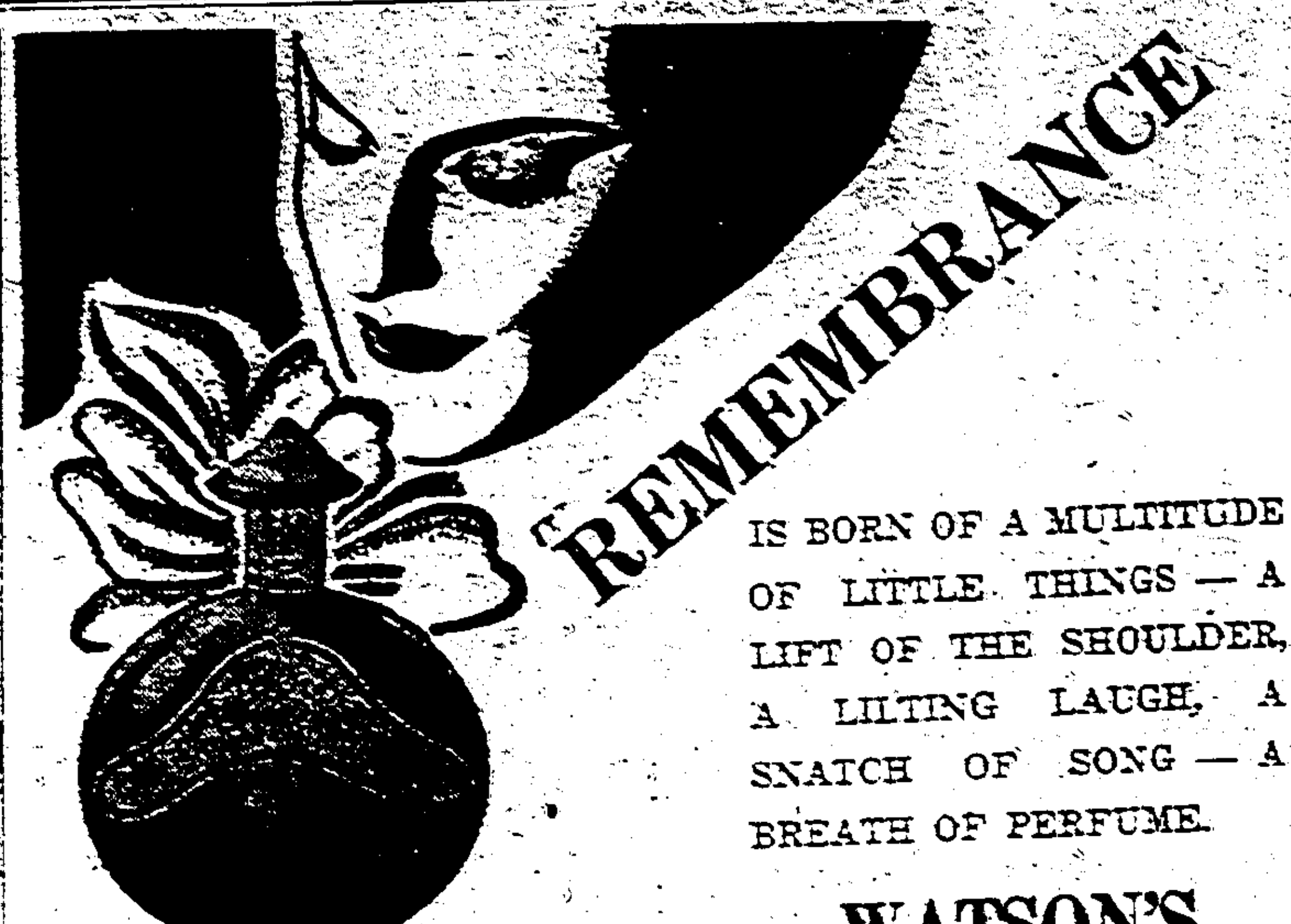
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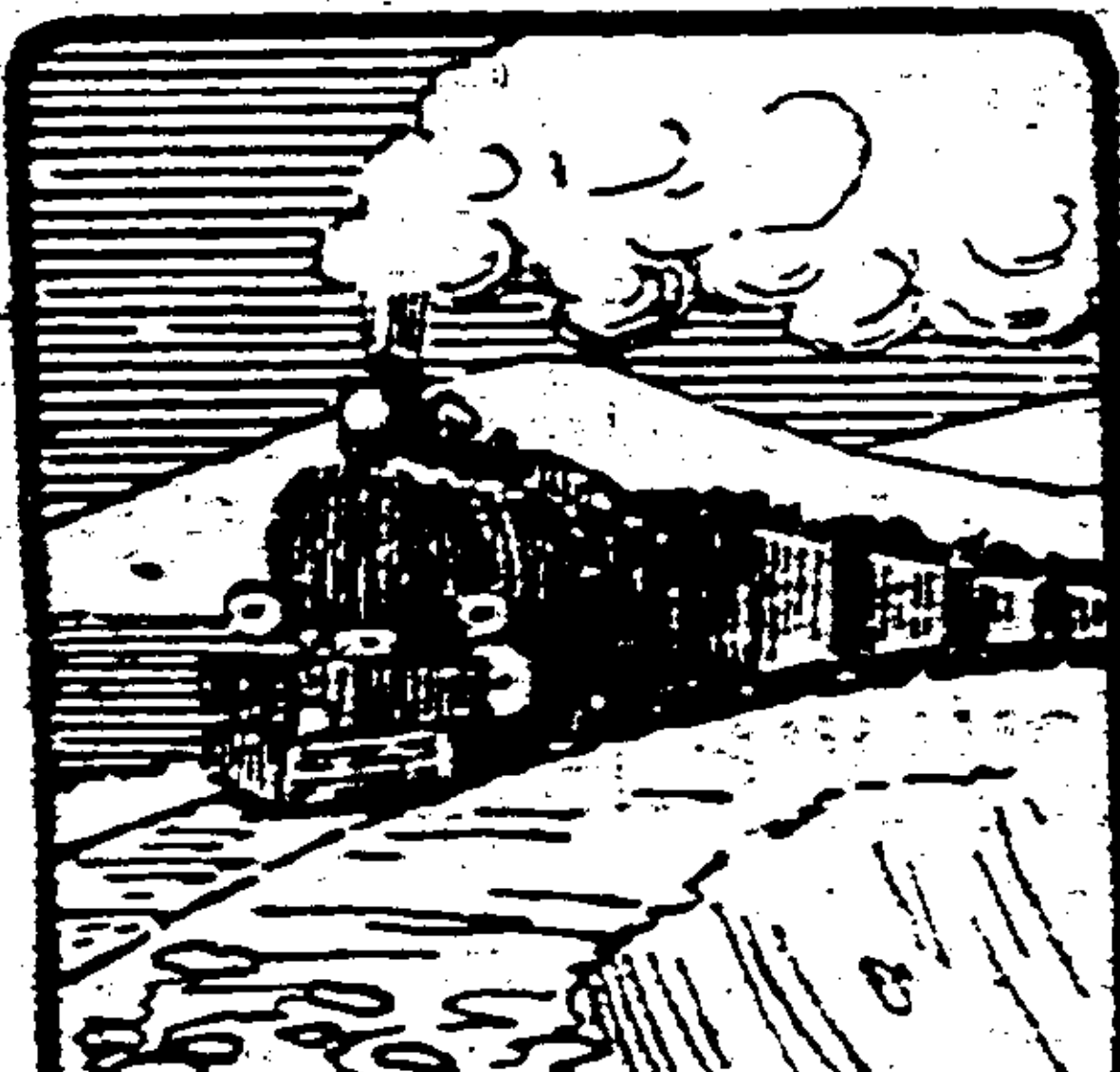
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THE RENTS
COMMISSION

Only one point of special emphasis is required in connection with the appointment by H.E. the Governor of a commission to enquire into the rents question. Sir Geoffry, in giving an assurance that legislation will be submitted with all possible expedition in the event of the Commission finding that the degree of victimisation warrants some measure of restriction, expressed the hope that the members will be able to reach their conclusions rapidly. That hope will be strongly shared and echoed. The amount and intensity of public discussion suddenly welling up in the early days of March was by no means accidental: it corresponded to the sudden pressure of landlords upon tenants on a large scale, and particularly to the manifestation of the eviction without cause scandal; affecting a large number of unfortunate people. Notices to quit and intimations of substantial rent increases will, in short, take effect at the end of the present month, and unless investigation is swift, as well as systematic, the evil for many folk will be long past remedy before Government steps are possible. It will come as small satisfaction to an evicted tenant after his property has been thrown on to the streets at the end of March to learn in mid-April or later that Government is satisfied that the holders of existing tenancies are entitled to greater protection than that which common law and local statutes now provide, and that Government intends to restrict

the rights and powers of landlords during the present state of emergency. The damage will be done and even retrospective legislation is unlikely to go so far as to restore a tenant's rights after he has once been "legally" deprived of them.

For that reason, the terms of reference of the Commission may appear to be broadly based. Study of the rise and fall of rents during the last ten years will provide a substantial part of the enquiry unless well attested figures are already available — as possibly they are through the Assessor's Office — and there is a danger of the Commission being diverted from its true objective. This, we believe, having regard to the special circumstances of the refugee deluge, must be the discovery of the true conditions existing, the strain on accommodation and so on, rather than the technical claims of landlords upon purely economic grounds. The issue has passed beyond that of the rights of investment in a free market. What is vital is whether, when no further accommodation is available at reasonable levels for the class of tenant hardest hit, the landlord shall be granted full liberty of exploitation on the principle of the bad old economic law of supply and demand. This, we feel certain from the general trend of His Excellency's announcement in Council, is far from within the contemplation of Government. Indeed, those who feel the cause of the exploited to be a test of the good name of good government in this Colony, will find little cause for discouragement in the explanation behind the initial defeat of the proposal that legislation should be rushed through.

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Baleful Big Ben

The critics who are complaining that whistling is a lost art among the youths of London are voicing an old grievance. Whistling in London, according to some people, has never been as good as it was. Long years ago that clerical eccentric the Rev. H. R. Haweis, a self-appointed authority on "music and morals," ascribed the decay of whistling to the musical corruption of our youths, brought about by listening to Big Ben. He always declared that from a musical point of view Big Ben was a "disgrace to the nation." To think, wrote Mr. Haweis, "that the Lords and Commons should have sat for thirty years under the hoarse, gong-like roar of that brazen fiend and listened to the quarters timing the dreary periods of Parliamentary oratory, without any sense of shame or annoyance, and still dare to call themselves the representatives of a musical people! The thing is absurd." It has taken many more years for us — or some of us — to find out that Mr. Haweis was right, or at any rate to agree with him.

COLNONY'S BILL FOR SHANGHAI REFUGEES

Foreign Office Asked To Pay Over \$300,000

M.P.s Critical That Any Refugee Should Have Met Own Cost.

London, To-day.

Introducing the Foreign Office Supplementary Estimates in the House of Commons, including the grant of £5,000 to Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, ex-Ambassador to China, as compensation for his injuries, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said he was happy to say that Sir Hughe's health was improving steadily.

"We sincerely hope it will be restored so as to enable him to continue to render the conspicuous service to the country which he has given in the past." (Cheers).

Referring to an item of £15,000—the cost of transport to Hong Kong, and the maintenance there, of British subjects, mostly women and children evacuated mainly from Shanghai at the outbreak of hostilities, Mr. Butler paid a tribute to the British consular representatives.

He said their work had been extremely hard. They had not known any regular hours and their responsibilities had been immense.

Mr. Butler mentioned that before the evacuation of these refugees, they had been asked to undertake to repay the cost of passage and maintenance in Hong Kong, but as many of them were in straitened circumstances, they were unable to pay this preliminary expense themselves.

Referring to Britons who had fled to Hankow, Mr. Butler gave the assurance that the future position of Hankow would be carefully watched, particularly the possibility of establishing a zone which would be free, as far as possible, from war if it should ever reach Hankow.

"UNPRECEDENTED"

Mr. Butler, replying to questions, admitted that the grant to the Ambassador was "unprecedented," and said that a case of this sort must be considered on its merits in the future.

It remained the view of the Government that this was no matter to be condoned by the payment of a monetary grant by the Japanese.

Replying to a question from Mr. Arthur Henderson in regard to events in Nanking, Mr. Butler assured him that the Japanese, according to his information, had taken steps to send a suitable officer to see there was no recurrence of such events.

REFUGEES IN H.K.

In regard to refugees from Shanghai, Mr. Butler said that between August 17 and August 24, 4,058 persons including 3,800 Britons, were sent to Hong Kong.

About 3,300 Britons paid for accommodation in Hong Kong themselves, only 500 becoming a charge on the Government. Many of the latter had money which they were unable to obtain from the area of hostilities, and it was therefore perfectly legitimate for the Government to ask them to repay the sum.

Mr. Henderson asked in regard to those not in a position to pay.

Mr. Butler, replying, said "We were actuated by humanitarian principles."

"SHABBY"

Mr. D. R. Grenfell (Labour, Gower), formally moved a resolution on the Foreign Office vote for the opposition.

He declared that asking British refugees from China to pay the cost of their conveyance was very shabby, and suggested the Japanese should be asked to foot the bill and also to pay the grant of £5,000 to the Ambassador.

Lt. Col. Sir Edward Grigg (Conservative, Altringham), while in no way questioning the propriety of the grant to the Ambassador, pointed out that it created a new precedent, and asked if it was to be generally applied to cases of other distinguished officers wounded or killed in the discharge of their duty in the Diplomatic Service.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal Opposition) also asked whether the Japanese Government would be pressed to repay to the British Government the grant to the Ambassador. He contended that this was the very least they should be expected to do.

Mr. Grenfell's motion was defeated by 209 votes to 111, and the Estimates were carried by 207 votes to 110.—Reuter.

NAVAL BUILDING HOLIDAY

Washington, To-day.

A resolution asking President Roosevelt to propose a naval building holiday until January 1, 1940, and to call an arms limitation conference in Washington in October, has been introduced in the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

MANOEUVRES OUTSIDE H.K.

Canton, To-day.

Chinese officials confirm the report that a small fleet of Japanese warships, including armed trawlers, are carrying out manoeuvres in the vicinity of the Chung Shan coast, but believe that the "war games" are only a demonstration on the part of the Japanese to frighten the villagers.

No particular attention is being paid by the Canton authorities to these activities of the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

ITALIAN MISSION CASUALTIES AT CHENGCHOW

Hankow, To-day.

A brief message received by the Italian Embassy confirms previous Chinese reports that several members of the Italian Mission on the outskirts of Chengchow were killed and wounded in the raid by Japanese planes on March 8.

The message, which was despatched by the Italian Bishop at Chengchow, states that two Italian priests were killed outright and other members of the Mission wounded.—Reuter.

THREE JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN AT SIAN

HANKOW, TO-DAY.

REPORTS FROM THE NORTH-EASTERN WAR SECTORS INDICATE THAT BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE AIRCRAFT WERE VERY ACTIVE ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK IN SPITE OF BLINDING SNOWSTORMS.

Chinese planes raided Japanese artillery positions in South Shansi, while Japanese machines bombed Chengchow and Sianfu.

The former town was raided twice by a total of seventeen machines, first in the morning by nine planes and later in the afternoon by eight raiders.

When the Japanese planes visited Sianfu, the Chinese defenders took to the air and engaged the invaders, who drew off in two groups.

The Chinese airmen concentrated on one of these groups, and later claimed to have brought down three Japanese machines.—Reuter.

BOMB ATTACKS ON BRITISH DESTROYERS

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the Commons, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty confirmed that the destroyers *Blanche* and *Brilliant* were attacked on Sunday midday by five aircraft whilst proceeding to investigate a bombing which had taken place near a British steamer.

Mr. Shakespeare said that the destroyers were undamaged but the Government took a serious view of such attacks and a suitable protest was being addressed to the Spanish Government.—British Wireless.

Those who know....

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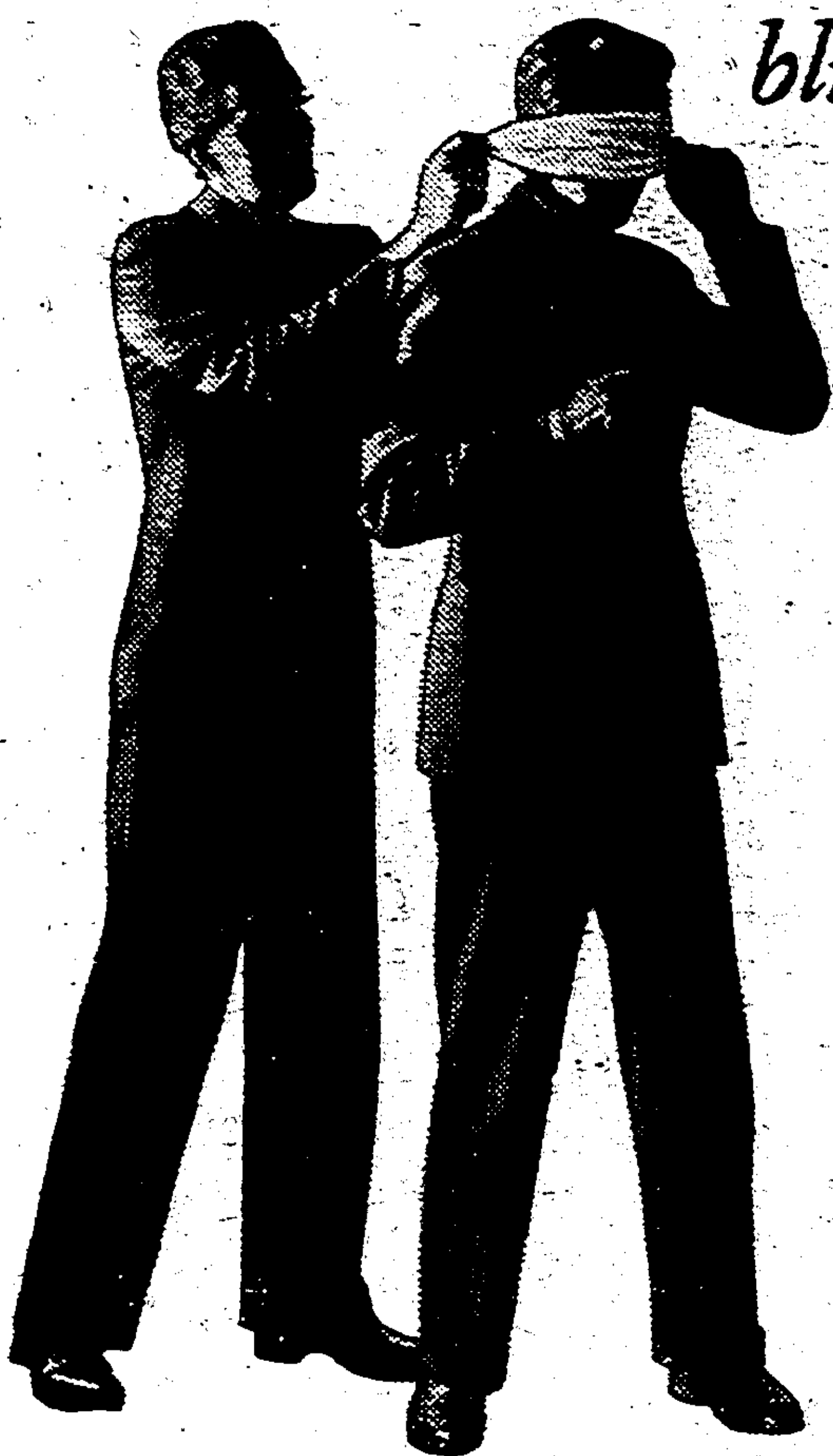
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BRITAIN'S COLLISION

Offer To Be Made To Solve Pacific Islands Dispute

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister announced at question time in the House of Commons yesterday that the United States Government last year had contested the validity of the British claim to the Phoenix group of islands, in which Canton and Enderbury Islands are situated, and declined to recognise the order in Council of March 18, 1937.

The British Ambassador in Washington had been instructed to inform the United States Government that the British Government cannot regard the juridical situation as in any way affected by their recent action, which included landing on Canton Island.

This island was effectively occupied by the British Government in a manner satisfactory to both parties.—Reuter.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, the Ambassador, had been instructed to add that the British Government will maintain all rights over the Phoenix group.

PROPOSALS PLANNED

Mr. Neville Chamberlain added that it was intended in the immediate future to submit proposals to the United States Government which it was hoped would serve as basis for ending the controversy.

THE HAILSTORM

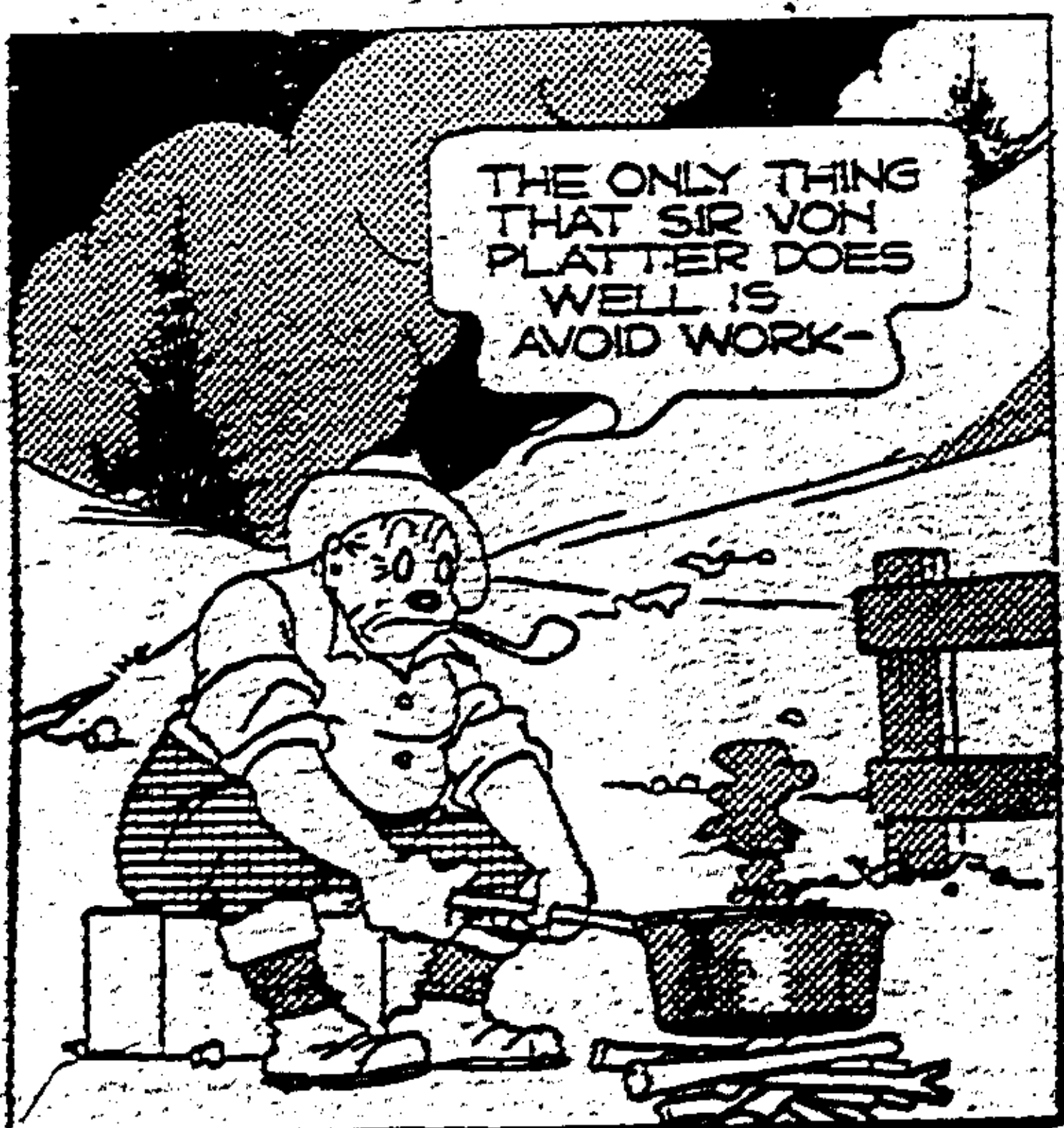
Sir,—The association of plans for a museum in Hong Kong with the "first hailstorm" in the Colony's history seems irresistible to me.

The new Curator, I feel sure, would be only too pleased to give house-room to the unique phenomenon of a hailstorm in a tea-cup. W. S.



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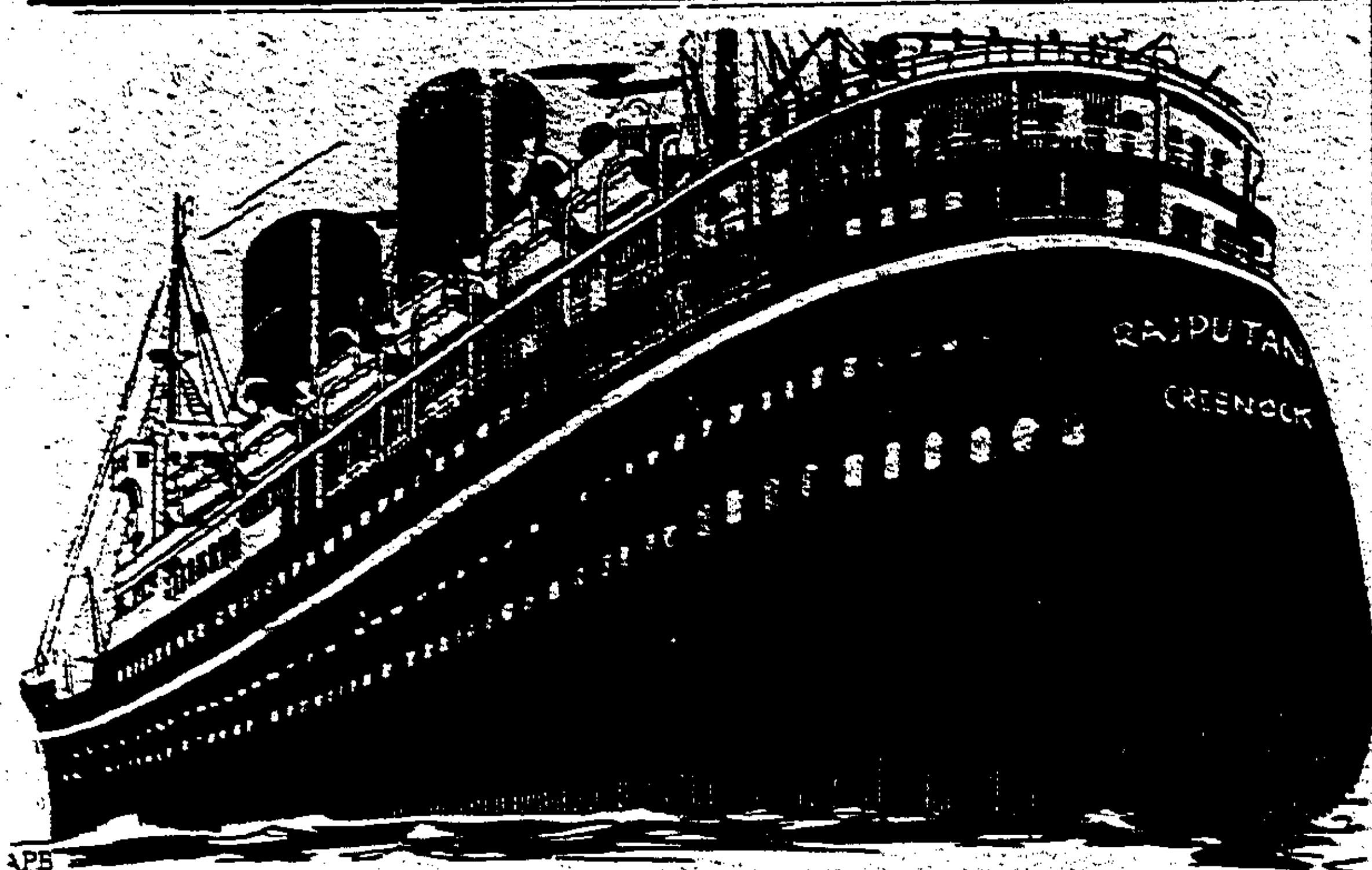
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Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Mar. 11, 8.15 a.m.
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	Ord.,	Mar. 11, 9.30 a.m.
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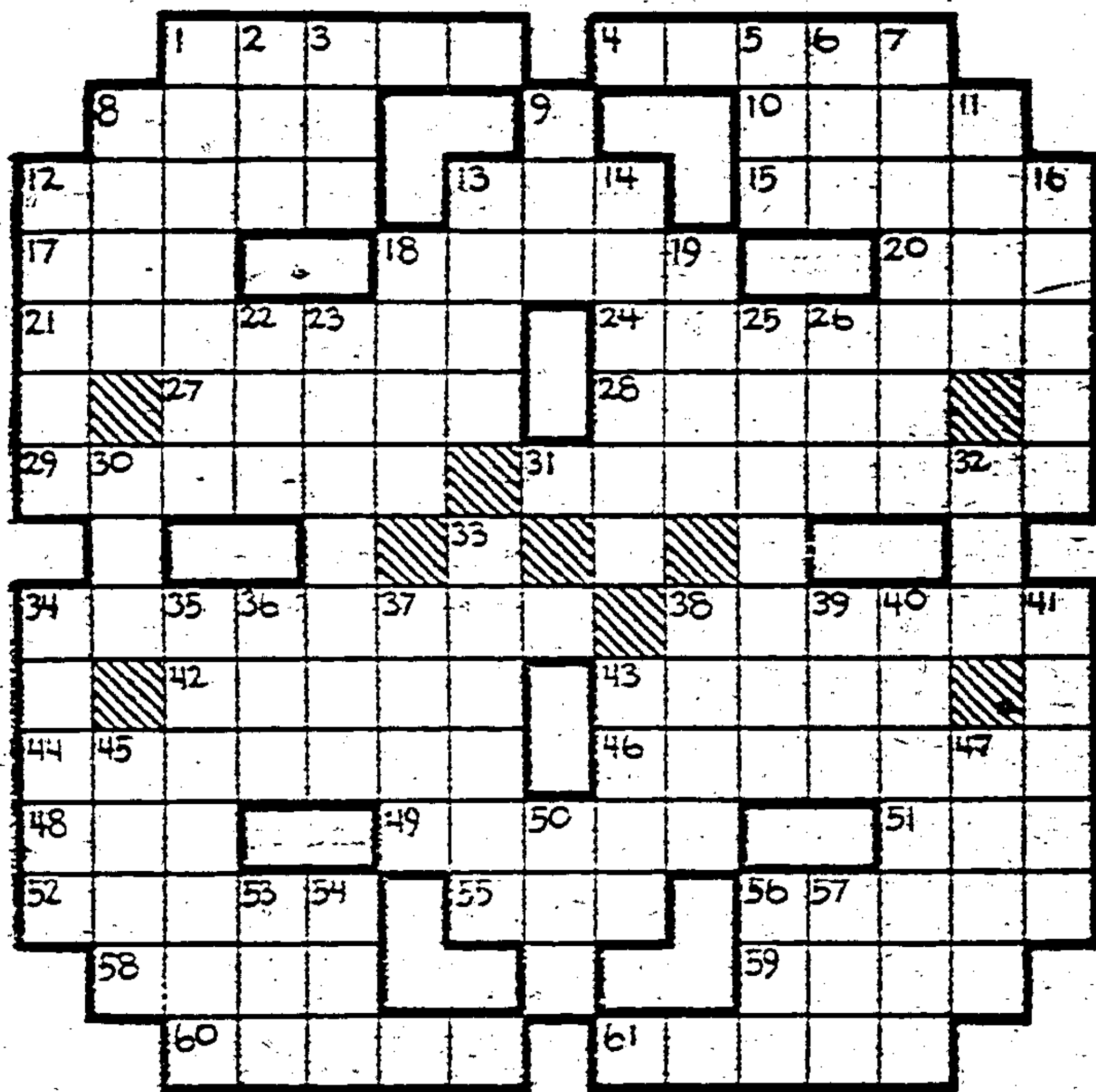
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4-Lukewarm
8-Girl's name
10-Among
12-Foghorn
13-Metric land measure
15-Rate of motion
17-Edge
18-Waste
20-Golf mound
21-Stupid
24-Examiners
27-Carries (colloq.)
28-One who rates
29-Mailed
31-Frees
34-Introductory writings
38-Javelins
42-Salt-peter
43-Charm
44-Raisers
45-Rowed gently
48-Argument in favor of
49-Drunkard
51-Lyric poem

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Wait upon
55-Bow the head
56-Handled rudely (colloq.)
58-Scrutinize
59-Part of a stove
60-Bestow income upon
61-Withered

VERTICAL

- 1-Anchorites
2-Unit
3-Cure hides
5-A dance
6-Mischievous child
7-Those who eat discriminatingly
8-Falsehoods
9-Prefix. Before
11-Wild animal
12-Keen
13-Imitates
14-Entrance
16-Writing tables

VERTICAL (Cont.)

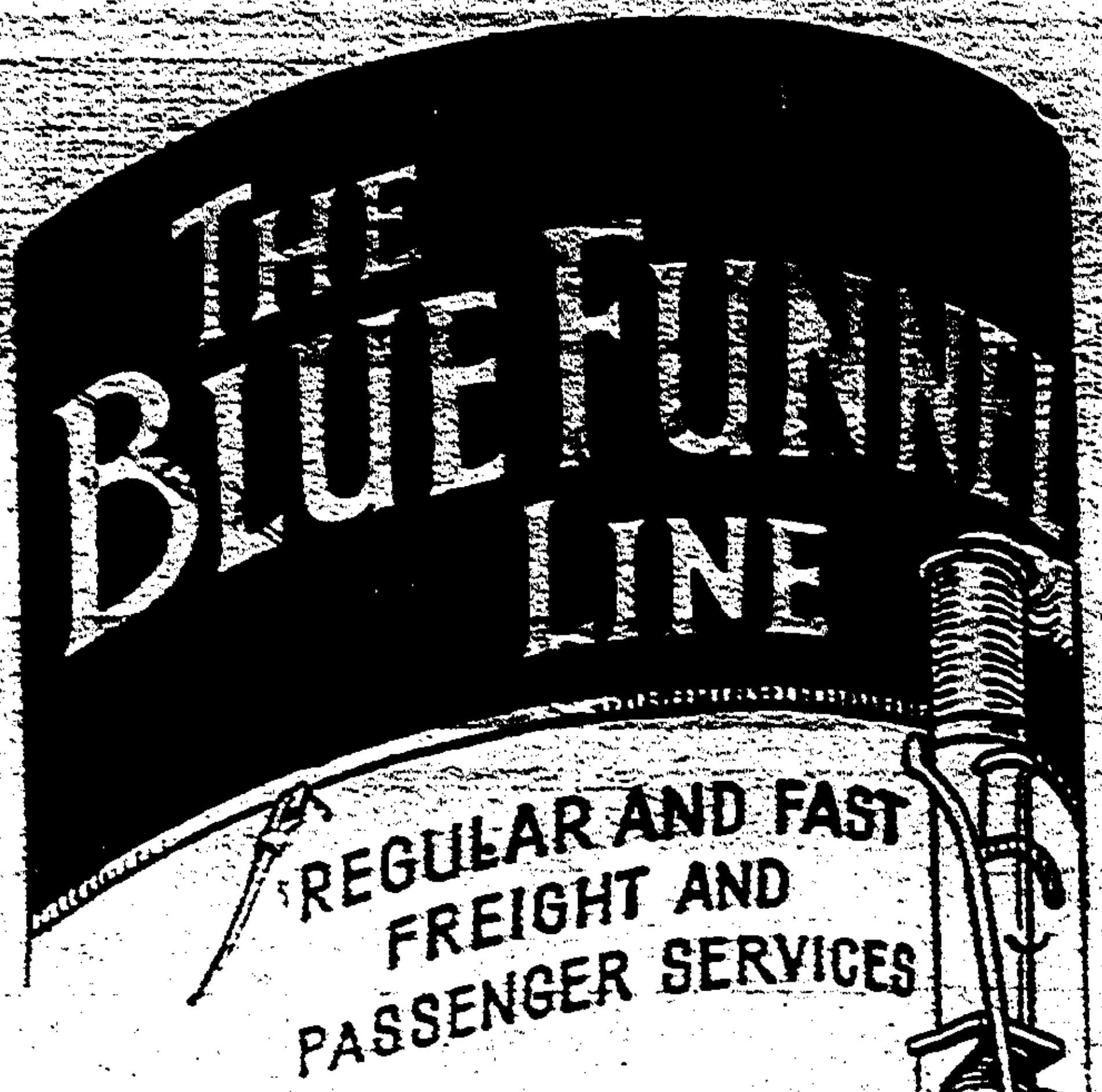
- 18-Cut (Scott.)
19-Apportion
22-Used in negation
23-Repeat
25-Soaked in liquid
26-A beverage
30-Over (Poet.)
32-Make a mistake
33-Individual
34-Soft, succulent parts of fruit
35-Execute
36-Competent
37-Certify (abbr.)
38-Box
39-Old times (Poet.)
40-Permitted
41-Took the part of
43-Moved rapidly
45-Vexes
47-Paradise
49-Small report
53-Large truck
54-Terminate
55-Seed, covering
57-A highway (abbr.)

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PEIPING RESERVE BANK TO OPEN

Peiping, To-day.

The Federated Reserve Bank is opening its doors to-day and is issuing new notes.

Notes of National Government banks will be allowed to circulate for another twelve months, and notes of local provincial banks to circulate for a further three months. All are redeemable at par by the new note issue, which itself is on a par with yen.

The Bank announces that it has secured a credit of 100,000,000 yen from a syndicate of ten Japanese banks.—Reuter.

HIGHER PRICES IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The review of retail trade for the year ended January 31, in the Board of Trade Journal states that the total value of sales reported to the Bank of England by retailers collaborating in the production of retail trade statistics was £325,000,000, compared with £300,000,000 in the previous year.

The bulk of the increase is estimated to have resulted from higher prices.—British Wireless.

OIL RESERVE FOR FLEET

London, To-day.

Replying to a Commons question, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty stated that the Admiralty were taking the necessary measures to accumulate an adequate reserve of oil fuel for the Fleet and arrangements were being made to provide protection against air attack.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2 7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20 3/4 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$5.0115 and the New York on London rate at £-U.S.\$5.0075.

The intake of recruits for the increase of 258 over the corresponding Regular Army last week showed an ponding week last year. — British Wireless.

LORD TENNYSON IN HONG KONG

GREGORY, LARWOOD, MACDONALD FINEST SHOCK BOWLERS HE HAS KNOWN

Refuses Comment On Hammond As England's Test Captain

(By "ADREM")

A TALL well set-up figure of a man, bronzed as the result of days spent under suns in all parts of the world, Lord Tennyson, former captain of England's Test cricket teams against Australia, South Africa, the West Indies and India, on his way home from a successful tour of the latter place, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning on board the Empress of Britain.

INTERVIEWED ON ONE OF THE SPACIOUS DECKS OF THE LINER, LORD TENNYSON, WHO MIGHT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE RATHER TIRED OF CRICKET IN VIEW OF THE STRENUOUS PROGRAMME HE HAS JUST COMPLETED IN INDIA, EXUDED ENTHUSIASM FOR THE GAME.

It was quite an experience talking to one who has played with and led men of the calibre of Hobbs, Sutcliffe and Wilfred Rhodes, and has batted against two of the finest bowlers ever to have skittled out English sides.

"I consider Gregory and Macdonald, Australia's shock attack during the 1921 series in England, together with Larwood, to be the finest fast-bowlers I have ever seen."

A GALLANT INNINGS

In this connection, it will be recalled that Lord Tennyson in one of the 1921 Tests, played one of the most gallant innings in the history of international cricket. With one hand so damaged as to be virtually useless, Tennyson batted heroically against MacDonald and Gregory to top-score and remain undefeated at the close.

Asked his opinion on the Australian team which has just been selected, Lord Tennyson said that it appeared to be a very good one, although he felt that Grimmett might have strengthened the team somewhat. He also expressed some surprise at the exclusion of Oldfield, for so many years the Australian stumper. "But," he added, "I expect this is in keeping with the Australian policy of giving their

more youthful element every opportunity."

HAMMOND AS SKIPPER

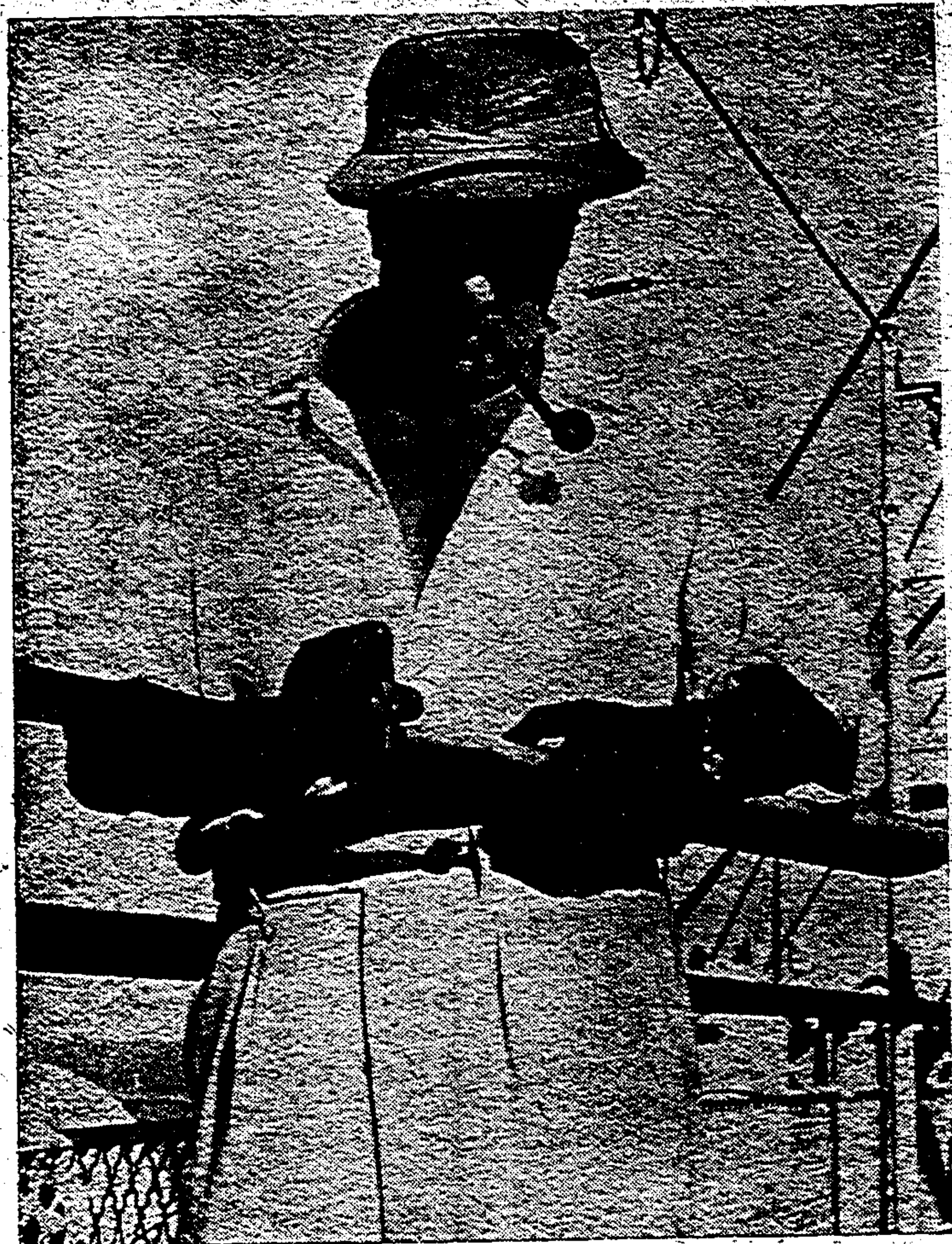
"I will not say that I expect England to win," he said in reply to a query, "but I will say that I expect the series to be very interesting and keen."

"I would rather make no comment on the subject," he said when asked to express an opinion regarding the possibility of Hammond skippering England.

"A very enjoyable trip in which the hospitality was wonderful," was the description of the Indian tour just completed. "We met with keen opposition and only won the rubber in the last game of the five."

PLAYED FOR SHIP

Lord Tennyson said that he played one game for the "Britain" in Colombo and had an innings of 33 out of 98 which he thoroughly enjoyed. He said that the Ship were very keen on getting a game in Hong Kong, in which event he would like to turn out.



Lord Tennyson, who recently led a touring team in India, and who was interviewed yesterday on board the R.M.S. Empress of Britain, is seen above autographing a cricket bat for a friend on board the vessel.

EAST FIFE IN SCOTTISH F.A. CUP SENSATION

HUDDERSFIELD ELIMINATE YORK: MANCHESTER CITY BADLY TROUNCED

London, To-day.

York City's glorious reign in the F.A. Cup competition came to an end yesterday, when, in their replayed Sixth Round encounter, against Huddersfield, with whom they were featured in a goalless draw last Saturday, they were beaten by 2 goals to 1.

Several replays in the Third Round of the Scottish Cup Competition were also held, Ayr eliminating Morton by 4 goals to 1 in a home encounter after sharing two goals, on Saturday, while East Fife caused a major sensation in beating Aberdeen by the odd goal in three, in an away encounter.

There were several upsets in the First and Second Divisions of the League, Manchester City being trounced at home by Middlesbrough to the tune of 6 goals to 1, while in the Second Division, Aston Villa suffered a similar fate at the hands of Notts Forest, by the odd goal in three.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yesterday's football results as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:

F. A. CUP SIXTH ROUND REPLAY
HUDDERSFIELD 2 v YORK 1

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAYS

AYR 4 v MORTON 1
ABERDEEN 1 v EAST FIFE 2

FIRST DIVISION

MANCHESTER CITY 1 v MIDDLESBROUGH 6
SUNDERLAND 3 v WEST BROMWICH 1
PRESTON 0 v LEICESTER 0
BRENTFORD 1 v CHELSEA 1

SECOND DIVISION

ASTON VILLA 1 v NOTTS FOREST 2
PLYMOUTH 2 v TOTTENHAM 2
—REUTER.



REVISED DRAW FOR SCOTTISH CUP 4TH ROUND

The following is the revised draw for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup Competition, which will take place on March 19:

Kilmarnock v. Ayr United
St. Bernard's v. Motherwell
Falkirk v. Rangers
East Fife v. Raith

REVISED DRAW FOR F.A. CUP SEMI-FINALS

The following is the revised draw for the Semi-Final Round of the F.A. Cup Competition, which will be held on March 26:
Preston v. Aston Villa (On Sheffield Wednesday's ground).
Huddersfield v. Sunderland (On Blackburn Rovers' ground).

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AUSTRALIA PICKS TWO TEAMS

NEWCOMER TO DAVIS CUP SIDE

STRONG WOMEN'S TEAM FOR WIMBLEDON

Melbourne, February 3.

THE Australian L.T.A., meeting here to-day, chose the Davis Cup team to compete in the American zone next summer, and the women's team to play at Wimbledon this year. The teams are:

DAVIS CUP
J. BROMWICH
A. K. QUIST
L. A. SCHWARTZ
H. C. HOPMAN

WOMEN
MISS D. STEVENSON
MISS N. WYNNE
MISS T. COYNE
MRS. H. C. HOPMAN

Hopman has been appointed player-manager of the Davis Cup side and Miss Joan Hartigan is reserve in the women's side, who will leave Australia on March 8. The Davis Cup team will not come to England to compete at Wimbledon, but may play in the American championships.

The L.T.A. announced that the three former Davis Cup players, J. H. Crawford, V. B. McGrath and D. P. Turnbull, were not available this year. The decision to participate in the Davis Cup was influenced by the fine showing of the chosen Australian players in the recent championships, and by the financial success of the present tour of the American and German players.

They showed that although a loss of £334 was incurred on the 1937 Davis Cup tour, a profit of some £3,000 was anticipated from the visit of the American and German players. By cutting out Wimbledon and the expense of the trip to England a saving on last year's expenses will be effected.

SCHWARTZ RANKED SIXTH

The only newcomer to the team is the South Australian, Schwartz. He reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the Australian championships this year, losing to Donald Budge. Schwartz is sixth ranked player. Budge went on to win the championship by beating another member of the team, Bromwich, the 19-year-old ambidextrous player, by 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Quist, who heads the Australian ranking list, is with Bromwich, this country's new doubles discovery. Playing together at the request of the L. T. A.—obviously with the Davis Cup in view—they showed magnificent form when they defeated the Wimbledon champions, Donald Budge and Geno Mako, in the semi-finals of the Australian championships 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. They then went on to defeat Von Cramm and Henkel, doubles champions of France, America and Japan, in the final by 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.

SEVENTH RANKED WOMAN

Miss Dorothy Stevenson is the young Victorian player who outplayed Miss Wynne in the semi-final of the Australian Championships last week, only to lose to Miss Dorothy Bundy, the young American, in the final. Ranked only seventh in last year's Australian rankings she has been picked first of the players to come to England.

She has a strong forehand and it is said that much of her recent success has been due to the coaching of Pat O'Hara Wood, the former Davis Cup player. He has been concentrating on her service, which

is the weakest part of her game.

"THIRD BEST EVER"

Miss Nancy Wynne, Australian champion in 1937 and the leading ranked player in Australia, has been described by J. O. Anderson, the Australian Davis Cup player, as "the third best player he has ever seen."

He places only Suzanne Lenglen and Mrs. Helen Wills Moody before her. Miss Wynne, who is a hard hitter with a fine forehand drive and a great variety of strokes, also comes from Victoria. She has speed and height as well as strength. She is 20 years of age.

STRONG VOLLEYER

Miss Thelma Coyne comes from New South Wales and is Australia's second ranked player. Nineteen years of age, she is regarded as the best all-round player in Australia. She is especially strong on the volley, and her court positioning is excellent.

Mrs. Hopman, wife of the Davis Cup player, Harry Hopman, is the third Victorian in the team. She is ranked fifth, one below Miss Hartigan, but her better form in the Australian championships (she lost to Miss Bundy in the semi-final, whereas Miss Hartigan was beaten in the quarter-finals by Miss Stevenson) probably turned the scales in her favour.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN TENNIS PLAYERS ON TOUR

Four To Compete At Wimbledon
And For French Titles

Melbourne, To-day.

The four Australian women tennis players, Mrs. H. C. Hopman, Miss D. Stevenson, Miss Nancy Wynne and Miss Thelma Coyne, started from here on Tuesday on a five months tour, most of which will be spent in Europe.

The party will arrive in England on April 17 and will compete almost immediately in the Brighton Tournament, taking part later in the British Hard-court Championships, at Bournemouth. The players will participate in various other tournaments in England.

From June 2 to June 12 the four women will participate in the French Championships, in Paris and a week later will play in the All England championships at Wimbledon. From July 8 to July 17 they will participate in the International Championships in Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good Entertainment
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The Army Boxing Championships will be held this year at Murray Barracks, and some interesting sport should be witnessed, as both the Royal Scots and the Middlesex Regiments have a wealth of talent at their disposal, while the Sea-forths and the Small Units also have some good boxers.

The Inter-unit Novices competition will commence next week, and the finals will be held on March 24.

The preliminary rounds of the Novices Individual Championship will be held on March 28 and 29, while the finals will be staged on April 19.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Finals of the Inter Unit Open Championship and the Individual Open Championships will be held on April 29, and the preliminary rounds will be on April 26 and 27.

The public will be admitted to all the finals, which start at 8 p.m., Admission fee being \$1 a night or \$3 for the four nights.

SIX SINGLES ENCOUNTERS THIS AFTERNOON

Six encounters in the Colony Singles Lawn Tennis Championship will take place this afternoon on the H.K.C.C. Courts, weather and ground conditions permitting.

An interesting encounter should be that between Alec Crawford and Teddy Fincher in which youth will be pitted against experience.

Both players are playing fairly well at the moment although Crawford's speed in covering court and his retrieving powers are likely to turn the tables in his favour.

Lee Wai-tong will also be seen in action this afternoon when he meets Wei Chung. None of the other games are likely to produce anything interesting. The programme is as follows:—

Club Handicap Singles
J. C. Pool (+1.6) v J. A. H. Douglas (-2.6)

Colony Championship
S. A. Hussain v H. D. Rumjahn
Cheng Ping-yeung v F. H. Kwok
Lee Wai Tong v Wei Chung
E. C. Fincher v A. Crawford
S. S. Hussain v H. Owen-Hughes
Wong Shiu-wing v R. H. Rump
Tsui Yan-pui v Pang Oi-lam

Club Handicap Doubles
O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans (-15) v E. Bryden and D. S. Robb (+15).

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

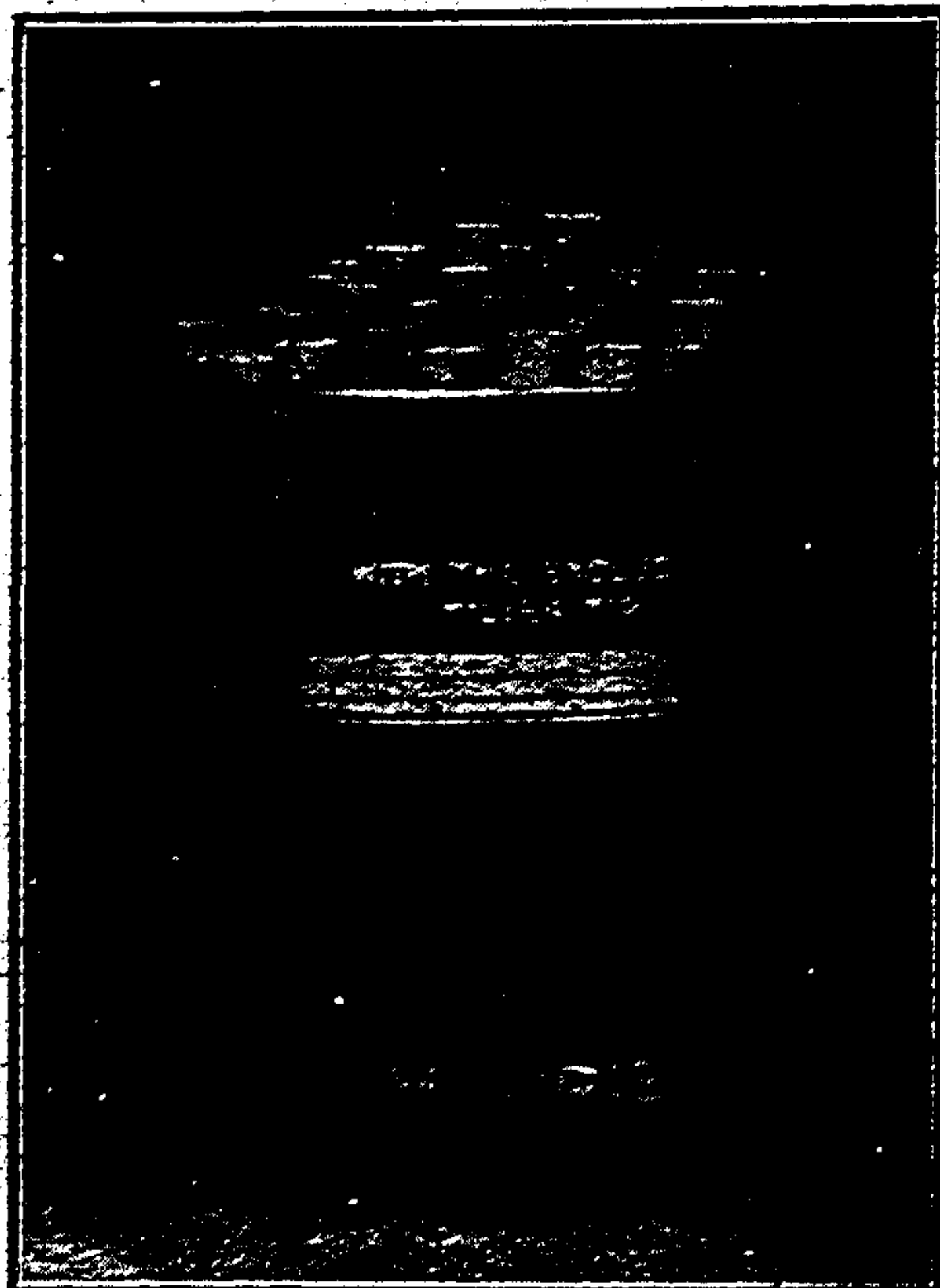
Arrangements in connection with the semi-finals and finals of the Hong Kong Badminton Championships were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee, of the Badminton Association, on Tuesday, at which the Rev. J. R. Higgs presided.

It was agreed that a sub-committee should arrange for the semi-finals to be played during next week, and that the finals should be played on two evenings, the second one to include the presentation of league and championship prizes.

The Men's Single Final, together with a programme of exhibition matches will be played, providing permission of the club is obtained, at the Tai-koo Recreation Club on Wednesday, March 23.

The Finals of the Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles will be played at Presentation Night, on Friday, March 25. This will, it is hoped, take place at the Club de Recreio.

Fuller details of these events will be announced later.



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Club de Recreio held a "Ladies Night" last evening, when a programme of badminton matches was given by a team selected from the women members of the Club, who played against a picked team of women from other Clubs. A large crowd attended.

Prior to the exhibition, a men's doubles match, in the Second Round of the championship, was played between F. H. Kwok and

G. A. Smith and P. H. Wong and C. Au, the latter winning by 15-7, 15-9.

In the women's match, Club de Recreio woman won by 8 sets to 1.

Scores were:—

Miss O. Riberio and Miss M. Silva

(Recreio) beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss M.

Griffiths 21-8

beat Miss U. Khoo and Miss

Cheung 24-19

beat Mrs. S. W. Clark and Miss

Sommers 21-3

Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro

(Recreio) beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss

Griffiths 21-11

beat Miss Khoo and Miss

Cheung 21-9

beat Mrs. Clark and Miss

Sommers 21-14

Miss C. A. Remedios and Mrs. N.

Castro (Recreio) beat Mrs. Stokes and Miss

Griffiths 21-18

beat Miss Khoo and Miss

Cheung 21-13

lost to Mrs. Clark and Miss

Sommers 23-24

DISCORD MAY NOT START IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE

London, To-day.—Discord, one of the best backed entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap, is not a certain starter according to its owner.—Reuter.

I CORINTHIANS OVERWHELM MANILA CHINESE

Manila, Yesterday.

In their first game in a series of eight, in Manila to-day, the Islington Corinthians scored an overwhelming, football victory over an All Chinese team, by nine goals to nil.

The Chinese were unable to get into their stride against their more experienced opponents, and play was confined almost entirely in Chinese territory.

Five goals were scored in the first half, while Sherwood, the visiting centre-forward, bagged six during the game.—Reuter.

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Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

FIRST DIVISION		HOME										AWAY									
		Goals										Goals Pts. FL									
		P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	FL				
Wolves (5)	WwWww	29	14	8	1	5	28	13	21	15	8	5	2	17	21	18	39				
Arsenal (3)	WWwdW	31	15	12	1	2	28	17	26	16	4	7	5	20	24	13	39				
Brentford (6)	IDILL	31	16	9	3	4	34	20	22	15	5	7	3	18	29	13	35				
Leeds (19)	dWLdD	31	16	9	1	6	32	20	24	15	2	6	7	20	28	11	35				
Preston (14)	dWLdD	30	16	7	1	8	27	16	22	14	3	5	6	21	20	12	34				
Bolton (20)	LdDdW	32	17	8	5	4	30	21	20	15	3	4	8	17	24	14	34				
Charlton (2)	HLWW	29	15	10	2	3	29	11	23	14	2	5	7	15	19	11	34				
Middlesbro' (7)	DwFWL	28	16	10	2	4	35	22	24	12	3	8	1	17	25	7	31				
Sunderland (8)	WDdwd	30	14	9	2	3	16	13	21	16	2	7	7	17	19	11	32				
Derby (4)	WWwdL	31	16	7	4	5	33	27	19	15	4	7	4	18	36	12	31				
Stoke (10)	WDWL	31	15	8	1	6	34	11	22	16	3	11	2	12	28	8	30				
Manchester C. (1)	DwLLH	28	14	9	3	2	29	17	20	14	3	8	3	26	31	9	29				
Leicester (-)	dDdWd	31	15	6	5	4	34	17	16	16	4	8	4	18	34	12	28				
Chelsea (13)	LWLW	29	15	7	3	5	33	23	19	14	3	9	2	12	19	8	27				
Huddersfield (15)	HLWdD	30	13	7	4	2	17	16	16	17	4	10	3	22	33	11	27				
Birmingham (11)	LWdDd	30	16	5	2	9	27	22	19	14	1	7	6	12	20	8	27				
Everton (17)	wLLdW	31	15	9	1	2	36	22	20	16	2	11	3	19	37	7	27				
Blackpool (-)	HLWWw	32	16	5	6	5	21	20	15	16	5	9	2	22	29	12	27				
W. Brom. (16)	WLWL	28	15	6	6	3	37	24	15	13	4	6	3	20	29	11	26				
Grimsby (12)	WLWL	31	15	6	4	5	21	21	17	16	1	8	7	17	28	9	26				
Liverpool (18)	DWLd	29	13	4	6	3	23	22	11	16	4	6	6	19	28	14	25				
Portsmouth (9)	HLdL	31	16	5	5	6	25	20	16	15	2	9	4	17	35	8	24				

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Joggin' Along The Highway (Samuel).
Chorus, Gentlemen (Lohr).
12.40 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra and Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-8.03 p.m.—European Programme.
8.03-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6.00 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
Storm Along; Roll The Wood-Pile Down (Arr. S. Taylor Harris);
Nous Irons A Valparaiso (Pares & van Parys); Sciucummi Sta Lampa (Arr. Favara); John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
Agincourt (Wilfan); Here's A Health Unto His Majesty (Harris).
John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
7.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne)... Orchestre Symphonique du Lutetia Wagram Cond. by Fernand Heurteur.

Praeludium (Jarnfelt).
Berceuse (Jarnfelt)... John Barbirolli and His Orchestra.
Indian Love Call ("Rose-Marie"—R. Friml).
Until (W. Sanderson)... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra.
A Tziganes Night At The Hungaria. Played by Colombo's Tziganes.
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Lee Wong (Vocal) and Doreen Ma (Piano).
1. You Can't Run Away From Love To-night—Lee Wong.
2. You Showed Me The Way—Doreen Ma.
3. You're A Sweetheart—Lee Wong.
4. Medley—Doreen Ma.
5. Stardust On The Moon—Lee Wong.
6. You're My Desire—Doreen Ma.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
8.05 p.m.—Variety.
Dance Orch.—Hot Pie—Third Helping... The Six Swingers Directed by George Scott Wood.
Piano—
Blossoms On Broadway (From the film).
Remember Me? (Film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"). Leslie Hutchinson.
Accordion Music—
My Rhythm (Munsonias).
Wind And Waves (Zander).
Jungherr's Accordion Melodians.

Vocal—
Clavelito Del Genil (Romero).
Flor Del Mal (Padilla-Montesinos).
Raquel Meller with Orchestra.
Accordion Band—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret... Primo Scala's Accordion Band (Vocal Chorus by Ralph Silvester).
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
Le Carnaval Romain—Overture (Berlioz, Op. 9)... Sir Hamilton Harty Conducting The Halle Orchestra.
"Portsmouth Point"—Overture (Walton)... The BBC Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Adrian Boult.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor).
O Song Divine (Arthur St. Ives—Gordon Temple).
A Dream Of Paradise (Claude Lytton—Hamilton Gray).
Springtime Reminds Me Of You (Rotter & Jurman).
10 p.m.—Ballade—Faure, Op. 19. Played by Mme. Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orchestra. Conducted by Philippe Gaubert.
10.15 p.m.—Light Orchestra and Dance Music.
Orchestra—
Siciliana (Apolonio).
Blue Skies (Rimmer)... Barnabas Von Gezy And His Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—
Star Dust On The Moon—Fox Trot.
Turn Off The Moon—Quick Step (From the film)... Len Newbery and His Cascades of Rhythm.
Runnin' Wild—Fox Trot... Quintette of the Hot Club of France. (Django Reinhardt—Guitar and Stephane Grappelly—Violin).
10.35 p.m.—London Relay—"The Cheltenham Gold Cup". A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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7.00 a.m.—Big Ben. "Golden Rose." A musical play.
8.00 a.m.—"My Sax and I" Hal Swain.
8.10 a.m.—The Violin Sonatas of Corelli.
8.35 a.m.—"World Affairs."
8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.
9.15 a.m.—Close down.
TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSB 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Frank Biff's Brass Quintet.
11.20 a.m.—"The Count of Monte-Cristo."
11.50 a.m.—Light Classical Concert.
12.30 p.m.—"At the Black Dog."
1.00 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
1.15 p.m.—"World Affairs."
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.
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Frequencies—
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GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Piano-forte Recital.
2.35 p.m.—Steeplechasing at Cheltenham. The Cheltenham Gold Cup. A commentary from Prestbury Park, Cheltenham.
3.00 p.m.—"The House in the Country."
3.45 p.m.—Recital of Modern Music.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—"Matters of Moment."
4.35 p.m.—Irish Concert.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Fond Memories

Virtually every expert has a "favourite hand." Not unnaturally, it is apt to be one which he himself played, at the very top of his form. Such a hand becomes a tender, even sacred, memory. Periodically the holder takes it out of his mental storeroom, dusts it off ever so carefully, and parades it before an admiring audience.

Albert H. Morehead, a colleague, is not given to parades, but he, too, has his cherished memories. The hand he likes the best is not one that titillates his vanity. He likes it because he had such a good time with it!

South. Dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—Q J 7 5 4

H.—9 8

D.—8 6 4 2

C.—9 7

WEST

S.—K 10 6 2

H.—J 5 3

D.—K 10

C.—Q J 5 2

EAST

S.—9 3

H.—K 7 4 2

D.—J 5 3

C.—A 10 4 3

SOUTH

S.—A 8

H.—A Q 10 6

D.—A Q 9 7

C.—K 8 6

Mr. Morehead sat South and bid rather vigorously to get himself to three no trump.

West opened the deuce of clubs, East won with the ace and returned the three. Mr. Morehead clattered right up with the king and, correctly reading that the clubs originally had been divided 4-4, put the onus of play on the defenders by exiting with his third club. West had failed to unblock and, therefore, had to win with the jack. Dummy discarded a spade. West cashed the club queen, and dummy let go another spade while declarer discarded a heart.

Now it was West who had to exit. He chose to lead his low heart. East naturally put up the king, which declarer won. The ace of

diamonds then was led and, when West dropped the ten, Mr. Morehead carefully selected the diamond nine as his next play. West was back on lead and now had to choose between a spade lead from the king and a heart lead from the jack. Unwisely, he chose the former. Dummy's jack held the trick, and a low spade was led to the ace. The diamond queen then was cashed, and the last diamond led to dummy's eight spot. This last play was too much for West. He had to reduce to two cards. To do so he was forced either to throw away the spade king, thus establishing dummy's queen, or to unguard the heart jack. The former was unthinkable. West held onto the spade king and prayed that declarer would not realise that the heart jack now was blank.

But Mr. Morehead had played this hand far too well, and guessed too beautifully to be balked at this stage of the proceedings. He led dummy's remaining heart and went right up with the queen. West's jack ingloriously fell, and Mr. Morehead, hardly believing his own eyes, found himself in possession of nine tricks, and contract.

Obviously, the defenders had at least as much to do with the fulfilment of the contract as did Mr. Morehead himself. Had they seized any one of about five opportunities, they could have established at least five tricks. Yet none of the defensive leads or plays actually was atrocious, and it must be observed that Mr. Morehead had made it easy for errors to be committed.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question. Dealer opened the bidding with one diamond. My partner (second hand) doubled. Third hand redoubled. What was my correct response with

S.—K 10, H.—A 8 5, D.—Q 8 4 2, C.—J 7 5 4?

Answer. Pass. You have better than two honour tricks, including a probable trick in diamonds.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Men Are Not Gods" with Mariam Hopkins, Gertrude Lawrence and Sebastian Shaw. Miriam is seen as Ann Williams, the impetuous secretary of London's leading dramatic critic, who impulsively alters one of her boss's less kind reviews and automatically lets herself out of a job and into a triangle, the other two principals of which are the actor she has aided and his intensely jealous wife.

AT THE STAR—"Draegerman Courage" with Jean Muir, Barton MacLane, Helen MacKellar, and Gordon Oliver. A melodrama of human daring which takes place in the depths of a mine where a number of men are enthralled. It reveals the hates and loves, their successes and failures in the lives of miners.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1938.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

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Has your Landlord evicted you?

For what reason

Were you in arrears with your rent?

Are you a satisfied tenant?

Remarks

GERMAN RED CROSS EXPERTS IN SCHARNHORST

Aboard the German liner "Scharnhorst," which entered port this morning, travelled the German Red Cross Mission to China, under the leadership of the well-known surgical specialist, Dr. Hans Podgurski, accompanied by Dr. Trautmann, son of the German Ambassador to China, as well as two assistants.

The equipment comprises a gross weight of 200 tons, which represents cargo for 40 trainvans. It includes a huge amount of vaccine against epidemic diseases, such as cholera, typhus, plague, anti-lockjaw serum etc.

Interviewed this morning, Dr. Podgurski said that the mission would place itself at the disposal of the Chinese Red Cross authorities, and was willing to assist them in advisory capacity. They were awaiting here further instructions, as to where, when and how they were to proceed.

Dr. Podgurski said: "We will place ourselves without reserve at the disposal of the Chinese nation, and merely wish to be of as much service to those suffering as is possible."

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LITTLE ENTENTE ECONOMY

Bucharest, To-day.

The meeting of the Permanent Economic Council of the Little Entente began yesterday in the Bucharest Chamber of Trade and Industry under the chairmanship of the Rumanian Foreign Minister.

The Minister outlined a programme for strengthening economic relations among member states by unifying customs duties, commercial law, the method of compiling statistics and industrial law.

The Minister, however, stated that the Little Entente had no intention of converting itself into any kind of commonwealth or union.—Trans-Ocean.

represents a value of £20,000. The doctors will stay in China for a period of from 4 to 6 months. Their stay is, however, not limited.

Dr. Podgurski and his colleagues were greeted in Hong Kong by Dr. Ou-Yang, who had come specially from Canton, Dr. Pang, Secretary-General, Headquarters Chinese Red Cross, Hankow, was also on board, and it is learnt that Dr. Chan Kien, of the Military Medical Academy, Canton, also arrived to bid the German doctors welcome.

CHANGES IN GERMANY'S FINANCE POLICY

Berlin, To-day.

Decisive change in Germany's finance policy are to be made in the immediate future, according to well-informed circles, who, however, do not expect a return to conservative methods of regulating state expenditure.

It is regarded as certain that the policy pursued hitherto of drawing upon future revenues will be abandoned, so that no longer, as in the first five years of the Nazi Government, will heavy special expenditure be financed by the issue of bills running into milliards.

Instead, expenditure will in future be covered by steadily increasing revenue receipts while the proceeds of future loans will be used exclusively for consolidation of the large short term debts now existing.

REVENUE RISES

These changes, it is stated, are possible because

German economic life is fully occupied,

Rearmament is now virtually complete,

Revenue receipts have increased so greatly that they are expected to suffice to finance building projects in the next few decades.

Confirmation of this forthcoming change in finance methods is found in the Report of the Reichsbank published yesterday.

The Report states, inter alia, that the development of German economic life must in future, no longer be borne by the money market but by productivity.—Trans-Ocean.

C2 SUBMARINE INCIDENT TRIAL

Paris, To-day.

Opening of the trial of Major Troncoso and other Spanish insurgents who tried to seize the Spanish Government submarine C2 in Brest, has been postponed from Friday, the date originally set, till Tuesday next week.

It is expected the trial will last several days.

The newspaper "Populaire" says that Major Troncoso will probably be released immediately after the trial since his period of detention during the preliminary inquiry will be deducted from any sentence that he may receive.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER SOVIET PLOT ALLEGED

London, To-day.

Discovery of another widespread plot to overthrow the Soviet regime is reported by the "Daily Mail."

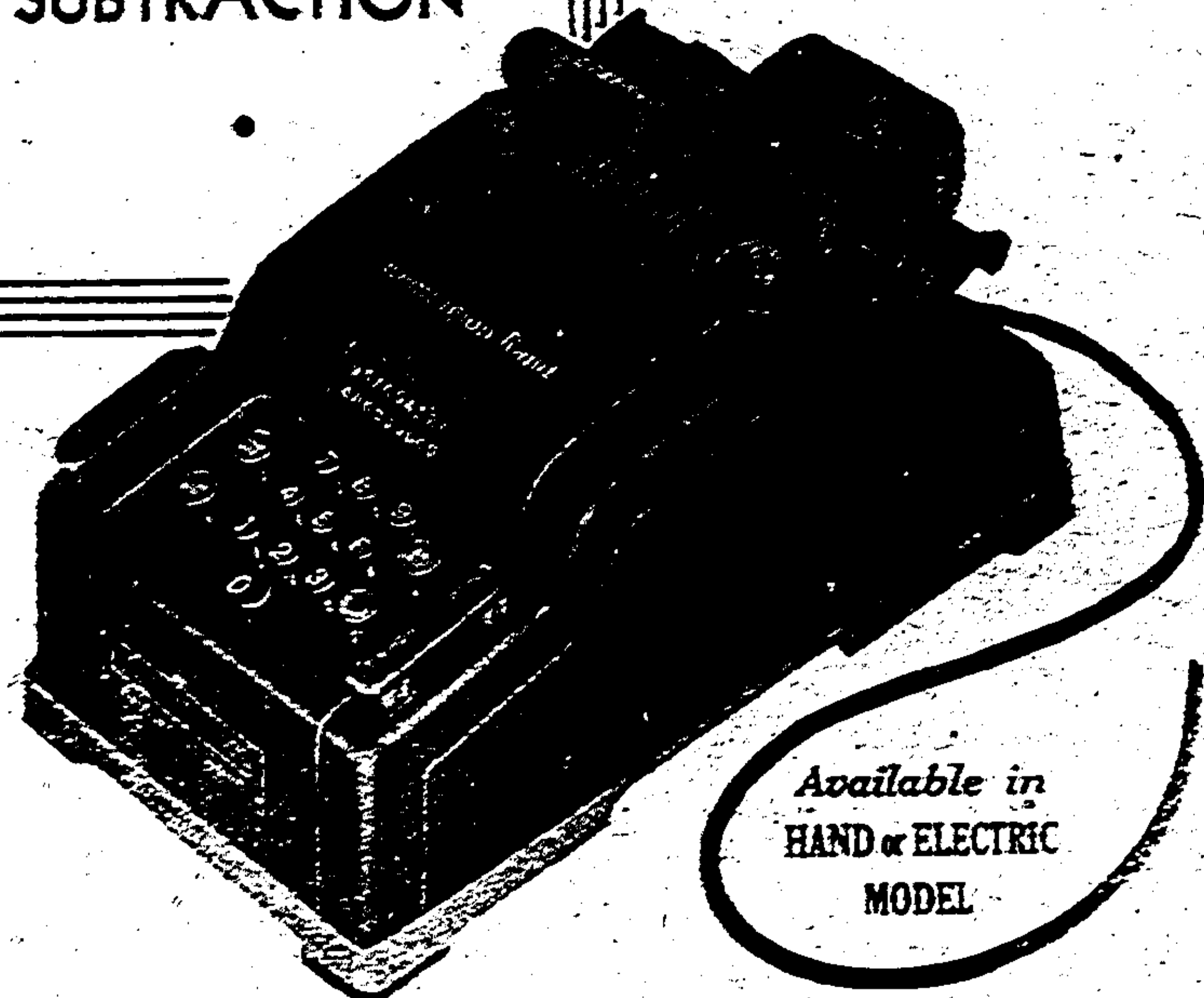
According to a despatch from its Warsaw correspondent, two colonels and a major attached to the Kremlin garrison have been arrested on suspicion of having attempted to persuade the garrison to get rid of Stalin.

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